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Again, we want to thank you – the fans. As we continue to see every week, college football brings people together. We are proud and honored that you have chosen to be with us this evening.

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## GO DAWGS

Georgia's Sedrick Van Pran and the Bulldog offensive line blocked for an offense that produced 555 total yards, including 239 on the ground, in UGA's 42-20 victory over Florida on October 29.

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## GO FROGS

TCU's Josh Newton returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown, one of two Horned Frog pick sixes in TCU's 62-14 victory over Iowa State on November 26.

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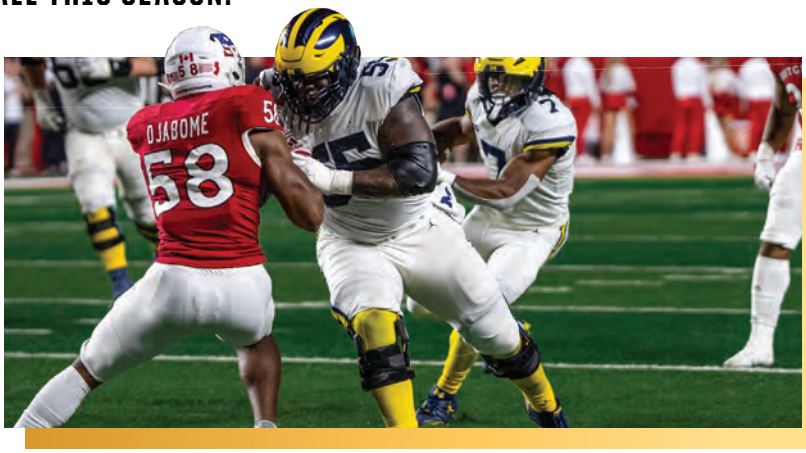
# TOP PERFORMERS

**THE 32ND ANNUAL THE HOME DEPOT COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS ON ESPN ON DECEMBER 8 RECOGNIZED SOME OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL THIS SEASON.**




Will Anderson Jr. (Alabama), Caleb Williams (USC), and Olusegun Oluwatimi (Michigan) finished the night as the season's big winners, taking home two awards apiece. Anderson received the Chuck Bednarik Award for defensive player of the year along with the Nagurski Trophy (top defensive player, as voted by the Football Writers Association of America).

Separately, Anderson also was named the recipient of this season's Lombardi Award (nation's best lineman) and Lott IMPACT Trophy (best defensive player). Williams, who later that week was named the 2022 winner of the Heisman Trophy, took home the Maxwell Award for college player of the year in addition to the Walter Camp Player of the Year. Michigan's Oluwatimi earned the Outland Trophy, which recognizes the nation's most outstanding interior lineman, along with the Rimington Trophy (outstanding center).

## ADDITIONAL HONORS

- Tennessee's **JALIN HYATT** received the Biletnikoff Award (outstanding receiver)
- NC State's **CHRISTOPHER DUNN** was awarded the Lou Groza Award (top placekicker)
- Rutgers' **ADAM KORSAK** received the Ray Guy Award (punter of the year)
- TCU's **TRE'VIUS HODGES-TOMLINSON** took home the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award (best defensive back)
- Georgia's **BROCK BOWERS** was tabbed the winner of the John Mackey Award (outstanding tight end)
- TCU's **MAX DUGGAN** earned the Davey O'Brien Award (outstanding quarterback) and the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (outstanding senior QB)
- Georgia's **STETSON BENNETT** was voted as this season's recipient of the Burlsworth Trophy (most outstanding player who walked-on)

## IT'S SONNY IN FORT WORTH

In his first year at the helm of the Horned Frogs, TCU head coach Sonny Dykes led the program to a 13-1 record and a Big 12 Championship appearance en route to collecting at least seven National Coach of the Year awards, including the Associated Press, Walter Camp, Eddie Robinson, ESPN Home Depot, Sporting News, CBS Sports and The Stallings Award.

Picked to finish seventh in the Big 12 preseason media poll, Dykes led the Frogs to their first appearance in the College Football Playoff with a No. 3 ranking, becoming just the second team to advance to the Playoff after starting the season unranked (Michigan, 2021-22).

Dykes is only the **THIRD HEAD COACH IN THE CFP ERA TO GUIDE HIS TEAM TO THE PLAYOFF IN HIS FIRST SEASON** and just the fourth head coach nationally since 1996 to start his first season with a 12-0 mark.

## BY THE NUMBERS

- Georgia's 2022 CFP National Championship victory in Indianapolis marked the first time that the No. 3 team in the final selection committee rankings went on to win the CFP national title. Prior to that, **THE WINNING TEAM HAS BEEN SEEDED 4, 2, 2, 4, 2, 1 AND 1**.
- Of the eight CFP National Championship contests played entering the 2023 edition, only once did the winner never trail (Alabama – 2021 in Miami vs. Ohio State).
- The eight previous **CFP TITLE GAMES HAVE PRODUCED 516 TOTAL POINTS**, with the winner scoring 319 and the loser 197, an average of 40-25.
- The 2022 CFP National Championship in Indianapolis registered **22.6 MILLION VIEWERS ON ESPN** – cable television's top viewership since the 2020 National Championship in New Orleans.
- Georgia finished the 2022 regular season campaign in the top four of the selection committee rankings for the third time in the CFP era. The Bulldogs occupied the top spot in the final CFP rankings for the first time, after finishing the 2017 and 2021 regular seasons at No. 3.
- The **WINNER OF THE COIN TOSS IS 5-3** in CFP title games.
- Ohio State advanced to the College Football Playoff for the fifth time, trailing only Alabama (7) and Clemson (6) for all-time Playoff appearances. It is also the **BUCKEYES' THIRD CFP APPEARANCE IN THEIR FIRST FOUR SEASONS** under head coach Ryan Day. The number four seed is tied for the lowest the Buckeyes have ever been ranked when making the playoff. They were fourth in 2014 as well on their way to winning the national title.
- Michigan qualified for the second straight year after finishing the 2021 regular season ranked second while **TCU MADE ITS DEBUT IN THE PLAYOFF THIS YEAR**. TCU becomes just the second Big 12 school to make the playoff field. Oklahoma was the only other team to qualify.
- The No. 1 overall pick in six of the previous eight NFL Drafts, including each of the past five, has made at least one appearance in the College Football Playoff. Each of the last three No. 1 draft picks, including LSU's Joe Burrow, Clemson's Trevor Lawrence and Georgia's Travon Walker, led their respective teams to CFP national titles.

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# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

**FOR THE FOUR TEAMS AND THEIR MASCOT NAMES THAT MADE THIS YEAR'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF, *QUITE A LOT***

## GEORGIA BULLDOGS

The first mention of "Bulldogs" in association with Georgia occurred on November 28, 1901, at the Georgia-Auburn football game. The Georgia fans "had a badge saying 'Eat'em Georgia' and a picture of a bulldog tearing a piece of cloth." However, it was not until November 3, 1920, when Morgan Blake, a sportswriter for the Atlanta Journal, wrote a story about school nicknames for football teams and proposed that "the Georgia Bulldogs would sound good because there is a certain dignity about a bulldog, as well as ferocity." Shortly thereafter, another news story appeared in the Atlanta Constitution in which the name "Bulldogs" was used several times to describe the Georgia football team, and the nickname has been used since.

## MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

As early as 1861, Michigan students began referring to themselves as "Wolverines." How the animal adopted as the mascot remains a mystery, but there are several theories. Former Michigan coach Fielding H. Yost felt in 1944 the reason for the nickname concerned the trading of wolverine pelts which occurred at Sault Ste. Marie. Albert H. Marckwardt then wrote in 1952 that the "wolverine" name is based on Michigan being first settled by the French in the late 1700s. The appetites of the French were judged to be "wolverine-like," and the nickname was given. One final theory derives from the border dispute between Michigan and Ohio in 1803. While the two sides argued over the state line, Michiganders were called wolverines. It's possible that Michigan natives pinned this name upon themselves to show their tenacity and strength.

## TCU HORNED FROGS

The Texas horned lizard is the largest of the 15 species found in the United States. Commonly referred to as a horned toad or horned frog, the name comes from their round body, short snout and pronounced stance. Texas horned lizards are mostly found in their namesake of Texas and the surrounding states and northern Mexico. When the yearbook staff of the then-named AddRan Christian University was looking to name its annual in 1897, football began at the university the year before and legend has it that the field was covered in the small-but-mighty horned lizards. It seemed a perfect match. Legend also has it that the second-place choice for a mascot was another staple of Central Texas – the cactus. Although the first few editions were lost, the TCU library still has editions of The Horned Frog Yearbook dating back to 1905.

## OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

Ohio is commonly referred to as the Buckeye State due to the prevalence of Ohio Buckeye trees within the state's borders. In 1953, the Ohio legislature designated the Aesculus glabra or the Ohio Buckeye as Ohio's official state tree. The tree is called the Buckeye tree because its nuts resemble the shape and color of a deer's eye. The Buckeye tree is relatively common to Ohio, growing especially well along rivers and streams and in floodplains. Ohioans have referred to themselves as Buckeyes since at least the presidential election of 1840, when Ohio resident William Henry Harrison won the presidency. Harrison's supporters carved campaign souvenirs out of Buckeye wood to illustrate their support for their fellow Ohioan.

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# Q&A WITH ESPN'S CHRIS FOWLER

Chris Fowler, ESPN's play-by-play voice of the College Football Playoff National Championship, is looking forward to chronicling the moment fans will never forget. It happens every year, he just doesn't know when it's going to occur.

**Q. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU LOVE ABOUT SPORTS?**

**A.** Seeing dreams fulfilled. Collective joy moves me. People being joyful together moves me. Growing up I can tell you that listening to games on the radio and hearing the roar of the crowd when the Blackhawks scored a goal or the Cubs won a game. People being joyful together and having their individual dreams realized is why I watch championship games. That's why I consider myself incredibly blessed to call these College Football Playoff National Championship games.

**Q. YOU GREW UP WATCHING SPORTS WITH YOUR GRANDMOTHER. WHAT DID THAT MEAN TO YOU?**

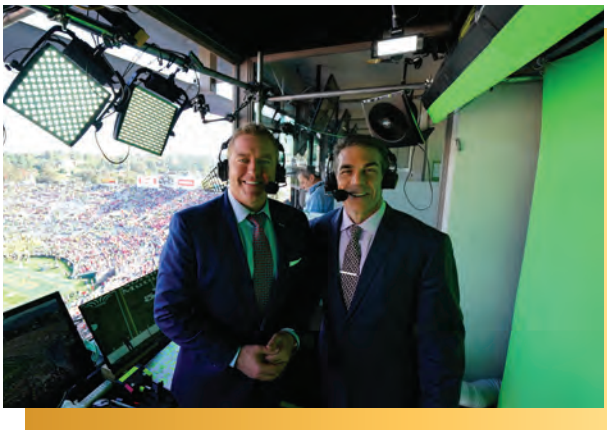
**A.** My parents were not sports fans. They were both in the arts. They were college professors. My grandmother was a huge sports fan and I got dropped off at her house on the weekends. My first TV memory is watching the first Super Bowl and all the early ones at her house. She would sit out in the backyard with a transistor radio scoring games in a score book - a couple of things that don't exist anymore. Her passion for it was contagious. I love my grandmother and she gave me possibly the best gift ever: loving sports and appreciating them.

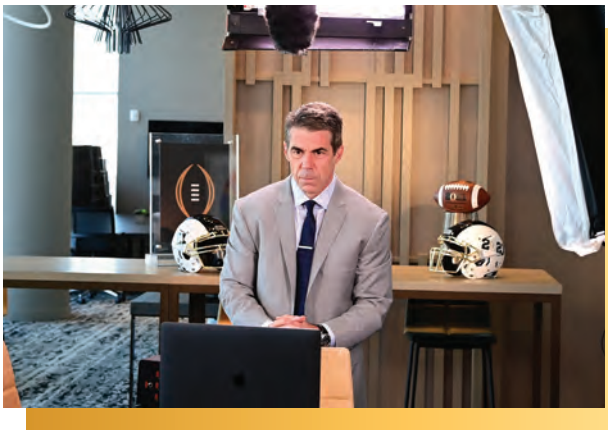
**Q. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MOMENT?**

**A.** Everyone of these years is a championship moment. I can't tell you what it feels like when the confetti falls and Christian Wilkins is doing a split on the field because Clemson has won. What it means for the coaches. What it means to the players. What it meant to see Georgia after 42 years win a championship and the same thing for Clemson after a similar drought is one of those moments for me. To chronicle the Nick Saban years because people are going to think it's impossible. It's like talking about what (Knute) Rockne or (Frank) Leahy did. To be able to have your voice attached to a moment - I don't think about legacies at all - but there's an amazing sense of pride in being attached to that moment in some way.

**Q. IS THERE ANY OTHER PART OF SPORTS THAT MOVES YOU?**

**A.** The collective strife. The examples of guts, in a sports context, resilience, toughness. The inspirational examples are numerous.





**Q. WHAT'S THE ONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME YOU'LL NEVER FORGET?**

**A.** I was deathly sick with the flu when Tua (Tagovailoa) hit Devonta Smith with a walk-off, 41-yard touchdown pass. That specific situation is once in a career, if you're very lucky. So on a second-and-26 bomb after getting sacked and making one of the worst plays ever - a 16-yard sack on the first play of overtime - and then throw a touchdown pass on the next play. The game was a blur. I don't even remember stretches of the game. I had a bad fever and I was very sick and in a normal game I might not have been there, but you don't miss a playoff game. So that moment, I'll never forget.

**Q. YOU GRADUATED FROM COLORADO. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BUFFS HIRING DEION SANDERS AS COACH?**

**A.** We know that the substance is wins and what you do when you have your roster assembled. But it has to start with hope and then hope becomes belief. And it has to start with energy and that has been completely lacking. There's been no energy, no swag, no hope and no belief … he steps into a situation where he can bring instantly the things that have been absolutely lacking. The re-building job is light years beyond where Jackson State was but so far so good.

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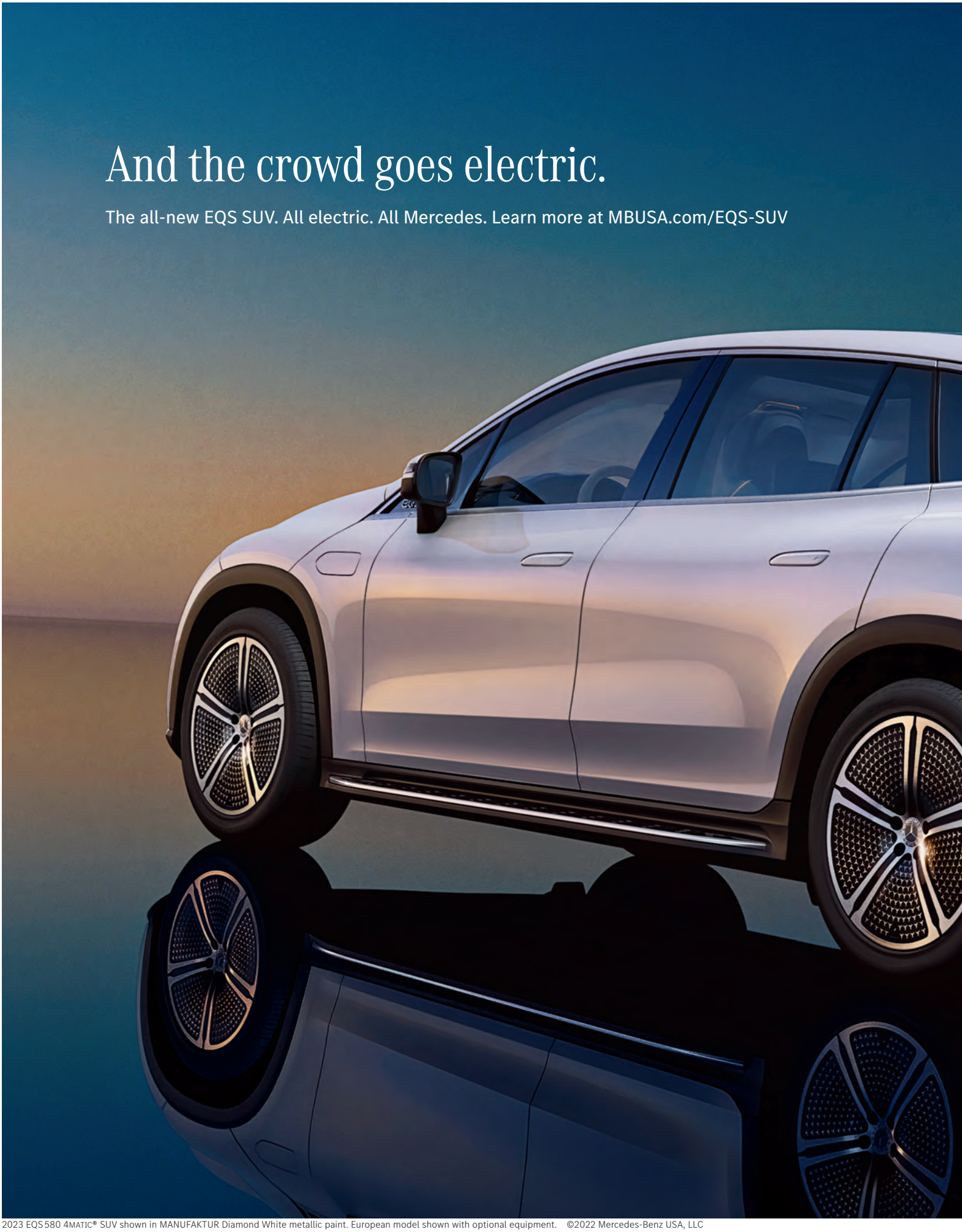


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# READY FOR MORE EXCITEMENT

BY MICHAEL BRADLEY

Those who believe a certain basketball tournament is the sole distributor of madness in college sports have received a big surprise during this year's College Football Playoff. Fans have been treated to some high drama and wild excitement so far, and it's likely the national championship showdown between Georgia and TCU will provide even more thrills.

The Horned Frogs outlasted Michigan in a Playoff Semifinal with more twists and turns than the most treacherous mountain road, while Georgia rallied from 14 points down to overcome Ohio State in its quest to become the first repeat national champion since Alabama in 2011-12.

"If you would have told me that when we were down whatever we were down in the fourth, I would have been like, 'You are crazy,'" Bulldogs quarterback Stetson Bennett said when asked what being in another title game would be like. "But we'll see you there."

The Dawgs will tangle with a TCU team that excelled on both sides of the ball against Michigan, scoring touchdowns on two interception returns and piling up 488 yards – 263 on the ground – against the vaunted Wolverine defense.

"What a hell of a football game," first-year TCU coach Sonny Dykes said. "Big play after big play after big play, after momentum swing. But the big thing we did: We answered."

The Frogs became the first team unranked in the preseason to reach the CFP and to advance to the title game and have made a remarkable turnaround under Dykes, after going 3-6 in Big 12 play last year.

Before the 2022 season began, few – if any – media prognosticators thought TCU would be a factor in the Big 12 race, much less become the first-ever Texas school to reach the College Football Playoff.

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Nearly five months later, those "experts" look pretty silly. No wonder Dykes was named the national Coach of the Year, and quarterback Max Duggan earned a trip to New York as a Heisman finalist. All year long, the Frogs displayed grit, toughness and a winning attitude that has put them in position to win it all.

"It feels good, being a Texas guy, obviously the state of Texas means a lot to me," Dykes said. "The history of college football in the state of Texas means a lot to me. To be the first team from Texas is quite an honor."

The season began somewhat unremarkably, with wins over three non-conference opponents. But it was what happened the next week that gave TCU fans a sense that something special might be on the horizon. When Oklahoma rode into Fort Worth on Oct. 1, nobody knew the Sooners would experience what was for them a down year. Many had picked OU as the best of the Big 12, but after a dominant, 55-24 Horned Frog triumph that featured 418 yards of total offense from Duggan, it was clear that TCU was the conference favorite.

Each of the Frogs' next seven wins was accomplished by 10 or fewer points. And there were some harrowing moments in there. They needed double overtime to subdue Oklahoma State, and then there was the Baylor win, which in some ways strained credulity.

The Frogs trailed, 28-20, with 2:08 remaining, but a TD run by Emari Demercado brought TCU to within 28-26 (the two-point try failed). But TCU stopped the Bears, and Duggan led a nine-play, 46-yard drive – without timeouts – that led to a 40-yard game-winning field goal as time expired by Griffin Kell. On the last play, the Horned Frogs were able to get their entire offense off the field and the full placement unit on and in position in fewer than 15 seconds.

"That looked like chaos, but we practice it every Thursday exactly like that," Dykes said after the game.

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Even though TCU dropped a crushing, overtime decision to Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship Game, its impressive resume was enough to earn it a spot in the CFP. And Duggan was outstanding all year long. He threw with precision, ran with abandon and made sure the Frogs never quit, no matter what the circumstances were.

In the 31-28 loss to K-State, Duggan threw for 251 yards and a TD and ran for 110 and another score in a great display of toughness.

"Typical Max Duggan performance," Dykes said afterward.

The Playoff Semifinal victory over Michigan was exhilarating. Despite being an underdog and expected to whither against Michigan's powerful offensive line, the Horned Frogs threw repeated haymakers in a 51-45 triumph.

"I thought we were definitely the most physical team on the field tonight," Dykes said. "We almost outrushed Michigan by 100 yards. Our ability to stop the run I think was a difference in the ballgame."

When the 2022 season started, it wasn't guaranteed the Bulldogs would return to the College Football Playoff, but those willing to wager on the likelihood wouldn't have been ridiculed for their decisions. Georgia welcomed back a slew of talented players from its '21 national title winner, and when the short list of candidates for the 2022 CFP was called, few – if any – experts excluded the 'Dawgs.

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Not only were the returnees top flight, but those stepping in for departed stalwarts had tremendous pedigrees and plenty of ability themselves. Add to that the winning culture head coach Kirby Smart has created during his time in Athens, and there was a true sense that Georgia was unlikely to step away from CFP contention anytime soon.

"I think the guy right now that's the best at figuring out how to work the minds of his players, is Kirby Smart," ESPN analyst Kirk Herbstreit said during the Las Vegas Bowl. "He's figured a way to get through to them."

In the season opener against highly-regarded Oregon, the Dawgs rolled up 571 total yards en route to a 49-3 victory. UGA scored touchdowns on each of its first seven possessions to key the rout.

"I was really proud of the way our kids played," Smart said after the game. "We tried to talk about coming out and playing as if we were hunting, and we wanted to play connected football."

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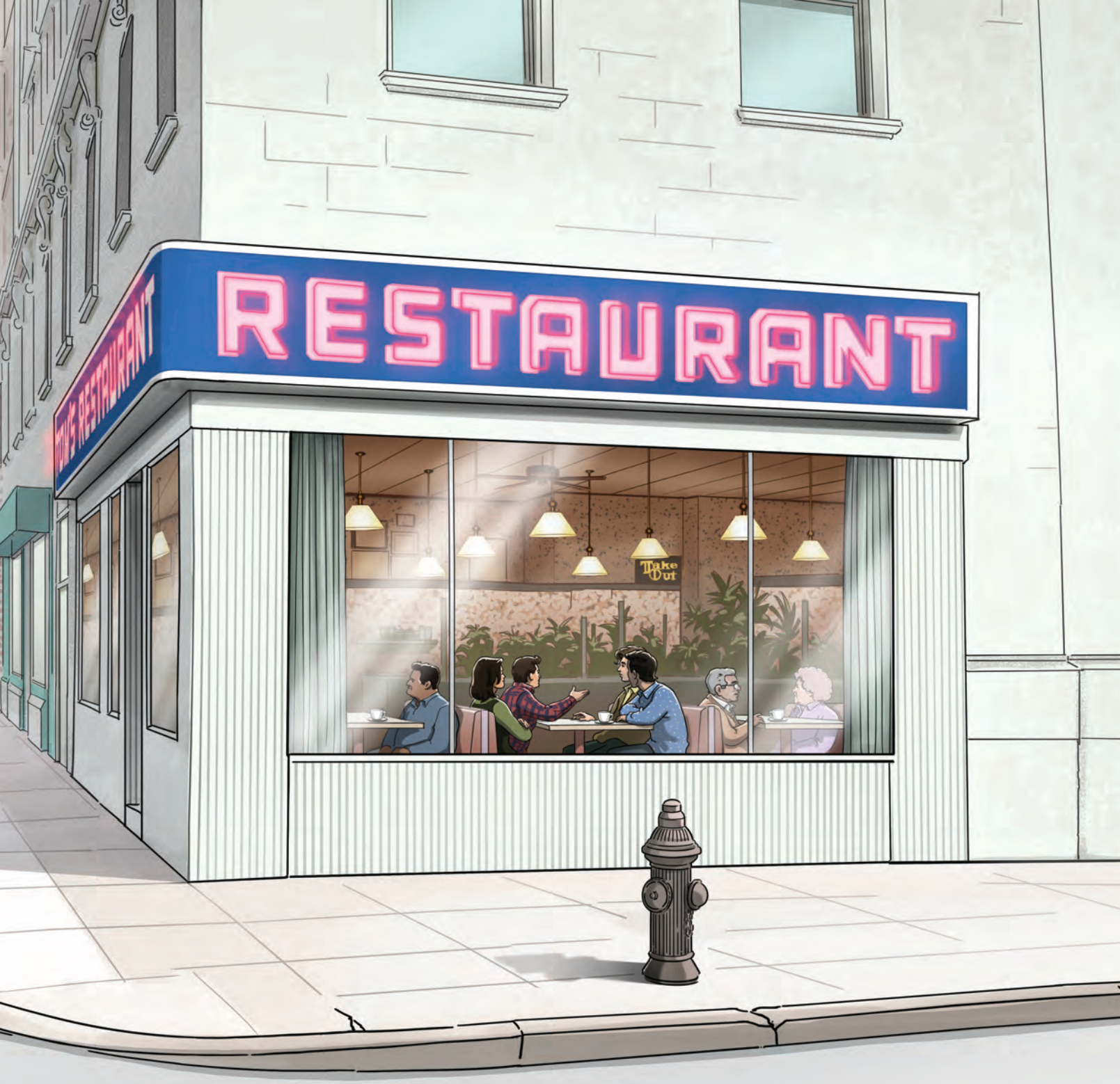


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BY MICHAEL BRADLEY

The Bulldogs looked pretty connected the next couple weeks, but they were challenged some in a 39-22 win over Kent State and then needed two fourth-quarter touchdowns to overcome a 13-point deficit in a 26-22 win over Missouri. A trio of wins preceded a visit from Tennessee with SEC East primacy the prize. The Bulldog defense limited the high-flying Vols to just 289 yards in a 27-13 victory. Two more SEC triumphs, including a tight, 16-6 decision over Kentucky, put the Bulldogs in the SEC title game against LSU.

Georgia was just too much. Its 50-30 win completed a perfect season and established the Bulldogs as the top seed in the CFP. Although there were plenty of heroes for UGA, the most memorable play of the day came when Christopher Smith scooped up a blocked field goal – with the LSU players leaving the field – and returned it 96 yards for a touchdown.

"You're not allowed to pick it up unless you can score with it," said Smith, who looked toward the Georgia sideline to see if he could collect the swatted kick.

Leading the way, as he did all year, was Heisman finalist Bennett, who was 23-of-29 for 274 yards and four scores.

"I've got good players around me," Bennett said after the win. "I'm not that bad at football, either. We've got a good team."

The win established Georgia as the CFP selection committee's top-ranked team and pitted it against potent Ohio State in the Playoff Semifinals. Despite falling behind by 14 points two times, including 38-24 late in the third quarter, the Dawgs kept fighting and won, 42-41, when Bennett hit Adonai Mitchell with a 10-yard TD pass with 0:54 to play.

"They're an unbelievable team, dude. Wow," Bennett said. "We fought, we fought and they were beating us, it seems like the whole game. And then we made a few plays, and … unbelievable."

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# FROM SATURDAY NIGHTS TO HOLLYWOOD LIGHTS

BY JEAN-JACQUES TAYLOR

Former Miami (FL) defensive tackle Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, has gone on to star in films that have grossed over $10.5 billion worldwide.

**AS A KID, DWAYNE JOHNSON - THE ROCK TO MOST OF US NOW - GREW UP WANTING TO PLAY IN THE NFL LIKE MILLIONS OF OTHER KIDS. WHEN IT DIDN'T WORK OUT, AND IT DOESN'T FOR MOST, HE TRIED SOMETHING NEW.**

Now, he's a movie star and probably the biggest action hero in Hollywood. His movies have **GROSSED NEARLY $12 BILLION** since he appeared as the Scorpion King in 2001's "The Mummy Returns".

Obviously, he wasn't the first to make the transition from football player to actor and he certainly won't be the last. You shouldn't even be surprised if one of the players on either team in the national championship game becomes a well-known actor after his football career ends.

After all, former Ohio State running back Eddie George starred as Billy Flynn in the play "Chicago", and fellow Buckeye running back Maurice Hall has been an actor since 2013, appearing in numerous TV series including "The Rookie", "Young Sheldon" and "Grey's Anatomy".

Former Georgia safety Omari Hardwick starred for years in the Starz series "Power" and former TCU running back Aundre Dean starred in the movie "Carter High" about one of the best high school football teams in Texas history.

Then there's long-time actor and former UCLA quarterback Mark Harmon, who's known for his roles on "NCIS" and "The West Wing". His father, Tom, starred at Michigan.

Bottom line: from Jim Brown to Alex Karras to Dick Butkus to Burt Reynolds to Merlin Olsen to John David Washington to many others, football players have always seemingly been drawn to acting.

**FOR THOSE WITH THE INCLINATION AND TEMPERAMENT, ACTING IS THE PERFECT TRANSITION FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS ONCE THEIR CAREERS END.**

John David Washington has always loved football and acting. His father, Denzel Washington, is one of the great actors of all-time.

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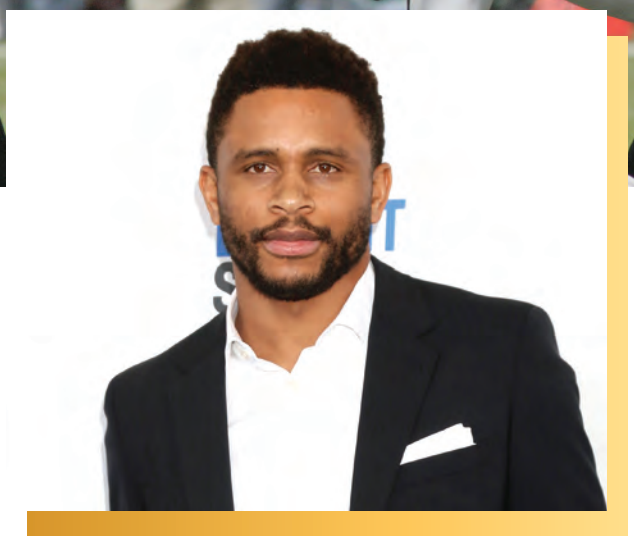

After starring at cornerback for the University of California, Berkeley, Nnamdi Asomugha was a first round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders, going on to earn All-Pro honors before making the move to acting.

Football players are used to studying video, participating in team meetings and practicing multiple times a week before performing in front of packed stadiums on Saturdays. Their practices and meetings are led by a coach.

Acting, when you think about it, isn't really much different than playing football.

Actors often learn a skill such as former NFL cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha, who learned the saxophone for his role in "Sophie's Way," a 2021 drama about a young African-American couple falling in love in the 60s.

Actors study video and they meet to discuss scenes and characters. We know they rehearse, often shooting a scene a dozen times from a dozen different angles, or until the director deems it perfect.

Finally, the film is presented for millions or the play is performed before a live audience.

"I have a lot of nerves about everything I do before I start the process of preparing," Asomugha told The Ringer.

**"MY FAVORITE PART OF THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS THAT MOMENT WHERE YOU GO FROM BEING SCARED TO BEING CONFIDENT.** There wasn't a week in football where I started off confident, but most weeks right before the game I felt like the most confident player in the NFL – that all happened because of a five-day period of studying and training."

The Rock, son of pro wrestler Rocky Johnson, played college football at Miami (FL) during a time when the Hurricanes had one of the nation's best programs in the early 90s.

Johnson, a defensive tackle, had drawn frequent praise from the coaching staff and was preparing for a starter's role when a shoulder injury sidelined him.

A sophomore named Warren Sapp moved from tight end to replace him.

Well, Sapp became an All-American, a No. 1 draft pick and eventually a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The Rock finished his collegiate career with 77 tackles and four sacks in 39 games. He went on to play one game with Calgary of the Canadian Football League before the Stampeders cut him.

Soon after, the Rock became a wrestler like his father, and he had a solid WWE career until he started taking the storylines that were written and improvising.

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Doing so made his character come to life. His popularity soared and he reached WWE stardom, which led to movie opportunities. Acting was really an extension of what he had been doing as a wrestler.

He took a football approach to his acting, making sure he worked with the best acting coaches and directors, which is no different than wanting to play for a great head coach or position coach.

The Rock wanted to work with the best actors, who would pull greatness from him and teach him the nuance of acting.

That's no different than wanting to play with other great players because when the best practice against each other both players get better. Being a star on the big screen isn't all that much different than being a football star. **IT STARTS WITH JOY.**

Sure, there's a tremendous amount of work that goes into being successful. And, just like the really successful athletes, the best actors can earn more money than they can spend in a lifetime.

But most football players become actors because they enjoy the process and the adrenaline rush that reminds them of the natural high they experienced as players.

"I do enjoy it, otherwise I wouldn't be here," said Butkus in a 1987 UPI interview. "These people are looking at it much as the coaches in football are. If you're not good, they're not gonna ask you back.

"You've got people tuning in to see if you fall flat on your face, so there is a lot of pressure on you. I didn't get into it because I missed the crowds cheering. I never did that for them. I did it for me."

The Butkus Award is given each year to college football's best linebacker.

John David Washington has always loved football and acting. His father, Denzel Washington, is one of the great actors of all-time and the owns an Academy Award for his work on "Training Day."

Initially, John David drifted toward football because he figured the spotlight would be too much given his father's success.

The former Morehouse running back went to training camp with the St. Louis Rams before being released.

At that point, John David figured out his father's name would cast a large shadow no matter endeavor he chose, so he might as well follow his passion.

**"WHAT MOTIVATED IT, REALLY, IS INDEPENDENCE – WAS MY OWN NAME, WAS BEING ABLE TO CARRY MY OWN WEIGHT IN MY LIFE,"** Washington told CBS Early Morning. "Even though I was hiding what I really wanted to do."

Ironically, his breakout role occurred on the HBO series "Ballers", where The Rock played Spencer Strasmore, the two-time All-American at The U who went on to become a Pro Bowler, Super Bowl champion and the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL.

**DICK BUTKUS**
Dick Butkus played center and linebacker for Illinois from 1962-1964 and was named the national lineman of the year in 1964, as well as the AFCA and Sporting News Player of the Year. He went on to play for the Chicago Bears from 1965-73, where he was invited to eight Pro Bowls and was twice recognized as the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year.

**FRED WILLIAMS**
Fred Williams played wide receiver at Northwestern and defensive back in the NFL before heading to Hollywood.

**JOHN DAVID WASHINGOTN**
John David Washington, the "Tenant" star, played his college football at Morehouse and later signed with the St. Louis Rams as an undrafted free agent.

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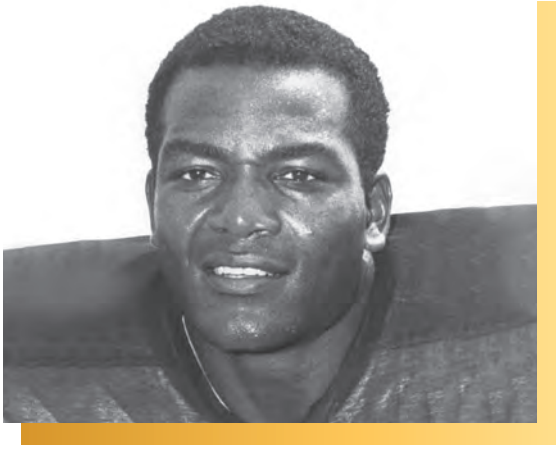

**JIM BROWN, WIDELY CONSIDERED THE BEST PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY, LEFT THE NFL FOR HOLLYWOOD AFTER THE 1965 SEASON. DOING SO PAVED THE WAY FOR OTHER FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND, MORE IMPORTANT, CREATED A PATHWAY FOR BLACK ATHLETES TO THE MOVIES.**

Brown had just rushed for 1,544 yards - 677 more than runner-up Gale Sayers - and earned his third NFL MVP award.

When the season ended, Brown held the NFL's records for single-season and career rushing yards, as well as rushing touchdowns and total touchdowns.

He figured making a movie in the off-season would be a fun way to earn some extra money, since he was only making about $60,000 playing football.

Remember, star college players didn't have NIL deals and professional players rarely earned even $100,000. Most players had 9-to-5 jobs in the off-season.

Brown accepted a role in "The Dirty Dozen" and production ran late. Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell said Brown would be suspended without pay if he didn't arrive in time for the start of training camp.

Brown retired.

**"IT'S JUST LIKE FOOTBALL: I HAD TO GET THAT FIRST PLAY UNDER MY BELT BEFORE I'D STOP TREMBLING,"** Brown said in a Playboy Magazine interview. "I still get keyed up, but I keep it under control. And when I'm called to go before the cameras, like I used to do before a game, I just cut off my emotions and go act out whatever the script calls for me to do.

"The only difference is that in football, we didn't have a specific script; the other side wouldn't have followed it, anyway."

Fred Williamson didn't have the acclaim Brown did - who could? - but he had the charisma to be a star.

Williamson, a wide receiver at Northwestern moved to defensive back in the NFL, where he earned the nicknamed "The Hammer" because of the hard hits he delivered to receivers. When his career ended, he wanted a job that would bring in more cash.

After all, he only earned about $9,500 a year.

"I wasn't rich, dude," Williamson told The Undefeated. "I wasn't a high-paid football player. One night I'm watching television, and I see Diahann Carroll had a show called Julia. She was the first black actress to have her own television series.

"I noticed that each week, the guest star role was a new boyfriend. And I said, 'I'm better looking than those guys. I'm going to Hollywood to become Diahann Carroll's boyfriend on the Julia show.' And that's what I did."

This is a profession that requires mental toughness and tenacity to reach the top and more of it to stay there.

In a lot of ways, it's no different than players having to prove themselves in spring practice or training camp to keep their job.

"People think football players can't tap into the emotional vulnerability of real characters," Asomugha said. "I've heard it so often that I don't think it's ever going to leave me. It fuels me. I'll always go into a project with a chip on my shoulder because there isn't much expected from me."

**THE COMPETITION NEVER STOPS.**

When Calgary cut the Rock, it stoked a fire in him to succeed.

"But as painful as it was to accept the dream is over, it also created a hunger, intensity and it gave me the biggest chip on my shoulder to attack life with a relentless ferocity," Johnson said in an Instagram post. "Grit, resolve, ferocity, passion, relentlessness. Life is much different for me these days and I'm forever grateful, but that chip never goes away. Ever."

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## OFFENSE

Georgia has one of the nation's top offenses, averaging 39.4 points a game and 494.9 yards of total offense in going 14-0 entering the national championship game. Senior quarterback Stetson Bennett is at the controls, and he's surrounded by a cast of playmakers and an offensive line that has received national recognition as one of the best in the land. Overall, the Bulldogs are on pace to set numerous school records after posting their second straight perfect 12-0 regular season.

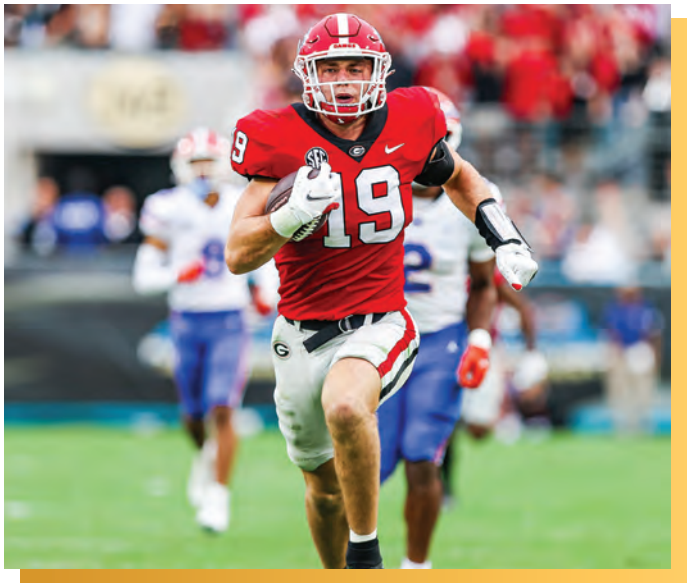
After winning the CFP Semifinal at the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl, Bennett is 29-3 as a starter and has completed 68 percent of his passes this season for 3,823 yards and 23 touchdowns while rushing for another eight. The 2022 Burlsworth Trophy winner and Heisman Trophy finalist, Bennett began his career as a walk-on. Also, he is up for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the Davey O'Brien Award and Walter Camp National Player of the Year honors.

The offensive line returned three of five starters from a year ago in center Sedrick Van Pran, tackle Warren McClendon and guard Tate Ratledge. Tackle Broderick Jones and guard Xavier Truss round out the starting unit that also relies on Devin Willock, Warren Ericson and Amarius Mims. Georgia ranks among the national leaders in rushing touchdowns. The running backs have proven adept at sharing the load. The veterans here include senior Kenny McIntosh and juniors Kendall Milton and Daijun Edwards.

The Bulldogs' aerial attack has proven to be difficult to defend with an array of targets, including arguably the best tight end duo in the country in sophomore Maxwell Award winner and Lombardi Award finalist Brock Bowers and junior Darnell Washington. They are Mackey Award semifinalists too. Redshirt sophomore Ladd McConkey is the leading wideout, followed by junior Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint and senior Kearis Jackson. Plus the running backs are an option including McIntosh and Edwards. McIntosh had an 83-yard reception in the win over Georgia Tech.

Georgia comes away with points in the red zone 97 percent (75-for-77) of the time and that leads the nation. The Bulldogs jumped on their opponents early, outscoring teams 279-70 in the first half during the regular season, including 115-23 in the first quarter.

Stetson Bennett



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## DEFENSE

When the season began, most talk on the Georgia defense centered around how the Bulldogs had to rebuild after a record 15 players were selected in the NFL draft, including five defenders in the first round. They would not be nearly as dominant when it led the nation in scoring defense at 10.2 points a game. Georgia simply reloaded and has ranked among the nation's top defenses again in 2022.

Georgia enters the national championship game ranked fifth nationally in scoring defense allowing just 14.8 points a game. Also in the red zone, Georgia ranks first nationally, allowing points only 67 percent of the time including just 12 touchdowns.

Georgia has held six of its opponents to a season-low in points when they faced the Bulldogs. Then top-ranked Tennessee managed just 13 points, and the Vols entered that game leading the country in scoring at 49.4 points a game while No. 11 Oregon mustered only a field goal. In fact, Georgia did not allow a touchdown until week three when South Carolina scored with 53 seconds left in the game to make it 48-7. In the regular season, Georgia's opponents scored only 13 touchdowns with five of those in the fourth quarter with the outcome long decided and another on special teams.

The front-line features Lombardi Award finalist Jalen Carter along with Tramel Walthour, Mykel Williams, Zion Logue and Nazir Stackhouse. The featured linebackers are Nolan Smith, Jamon Dumas-Johnson, Robert Beal, Jr., Smael Mondon and Rian Davis. Dumas-Johnson is a Butkus Award finalist. In the secondary, the top Bulldogs include Nagurski Trophy finalist Chris Smith along with Kelee Ringo, Javon Bullard, Kamari Lassiter, Malaki Starks, Tykee Smith and Dan Jackson. Starks is one of the elite newcomers in the country and a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

Jalen Carter

Jamon Dumas-Johnson

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Senior Jack Podlesny, a Lou Groza Award finalist, handles the field goals, extra points and kickoffs. He ranks among the SEC and national leaders in scoring with 140 points, a new Bulldog record, entering the national championship game. He is on pace to finish his career as the Bulldog record holder with the highest field goal percentage. Currently, he's at 82.2 percent (60-for-73). This year, he is 25-for-30 on field goals and 65 for 65 on PATs. Overall, Podlesny ranks fifth in school history with 354 points. During the regular season, he kicked off 83 times and tallied 54 touchbacks.

Georgia has a pair of snappers with senior Payne Walker on the field for field goals and PATs while redshirt junior William Mote handles the punts.

Freshman Brett Thorson, a native of Australia, has delivered when it's time to punt. However, Georgia punted only 29 times during the regular season, which was the fourth fewest nationally. He is averaging 44.0 yards. Thorson's most impressive punt came in the win over No. 1 Tennessee when he crushed one 75 yards and went out at the one yard line. It was the longest punt for a Bulldog since 2009. In the regular season, he boomed five for 50+ yards and 15 resulted in fair catches.

The Bulldogs have blocked one punt this year. In the victory over Kent State, freshman Jalon Walker's block resulted in a safety. Also, Georgia blocked a field goal against LSU in the SEC Championship Game and returned it 96 yards for a touchdown.

In the return game, redshirt junior Ladd McConkey has been handling the punts with an 12.3 average on 16 returns while senior Kearis Jackson leads the squad with 15 kickoff returns for a 20.9 average. Jackson has a pair of punt returns for a 14.5 average too.

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## OFFENSE

Under the guidance of Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Garrett Riley, the 2022 Broyles Award winner as the nation's top assistant coach, TCU boasts one of the country's most high-powered offenses.

Directing the attack is quarterback Max Duggan, who won the Davey O'Brien Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award while finishing as the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy.

TCU is one of two offenses in the nation to average more than 270 passing and 200 rushing yards per game, while also scoring at least 30 passing and 30 rushing touchdowns. The Horned Frogs are the fifth-best scoring offense in the nation, averaging 41.1 points per game.

Duggan is one of two quarterbacks in the FBS to pass for at least 3,300 yards and 30 touchdowns. He has rushed for over 400 yards. He ranks 10th in the nation in passing efficiency (162.3) and leads the Big 12 in passing yards (3,546), passing touchdowns (32), yards per attempt (8.9), and yards per completion (13.9).

The Council Bluffs, Iowa, native is second in the nation with 17 passing touchdowns of 20 or more yards.

Junior wide receiver Quentin Johnston, a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist, leads the Horned Frogs with 59 receptions, 1,066 receiving yards, and six touchdowns. The First-Team All-Big 12 selection has over 2,000 receiving yards for his career. Fellow receiver Derius Davis has five receiving touchdowns on 37 catches, while senior Taye Barber also has five scoring grabs on 36 receptions.

Running back Kendre Miller spearheads a strong rushing attack, ranking seventh in the nation with 17 rushing touchdowns. The junior has rushed for 1,399 yards and had a 14-game rushing touchdown streak during this season, second all-time behind LaDainian Tomlinson's program record.

First-Team All-American and Outland Trophy Semifinalist Steve Avila anchors TCU's offensive line at the left guard position. Avila did not allowed a sack in 477 pass blocking snaps this regular season.

Max Duggan

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## DEFENSE

Under first-year Defensive Coordinator Joe Gillespie, TCU has one of the nation's most improved units.

The Horned Frogs, who led the Big 12 with three first-team all-conference selections on defense, are allowing 33% fewer rushing yards per game from a season ago and are tied for 10th in the country with 16 interceptions.

Returning players combined with transfers have made a major impact on this side of the football for the Horned Frogs.

Cornerback Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson won the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back and has been named to multiple All-America teams. He was also First-Team All-Big 12 for the third consecutive season. Combined with fellow First-Team All-Big 12 selection Josh Newton, they form arguably the nation's top cornerback duo.

Hodges-Tomlinson allowed a 38.9 passer rating this season, lowest among cornerbacks in the Big 12. Hodges-Tomlinson was First-Team All-Big 12 for the third consecutive season and Honorable Mention Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.

Newton, TCU's leader with 12 pass breakups, allowed just 22 receptions all season along with a 33.6% completion percentage when targeted by opposing quarterbacks.

Newton (ULM), Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year Johnny Hodges (Navy), Mark Perry (Colorado) and true freshman defensive lineman Damonic Williams were key additions this season.

Hodges and Perry are TCU's top two tacklers with 81 and 78, respectively, with Jamoi Hodge third with 75.

Senior defensive lineman Dylan Horton leads the Horned Frogs with 10.0 sacks and senior linebacker and First-Team All-Big 12 selection Dee Winters is second at 7.5 sacks. Winters (14.5) and Horton (13.5) are also tops in tackles for loss. Horton had four sacks in the Playoff Semifinal at the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl.

In addition to Horton and Williams, TCU's line is led by senior Terrell Cooper who leads all defensive players with 40 career starts.

Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Under Coordinator Mark Tommerdahl, TCU has one of the top special teams units in the nation.

The Horned Frogs have one of the most electric returners in the country in senior Derius Davis. Davis holds TCU's program record for punt return touchdowns with five, as well as tying for the special teams touchdown record with six. He was a Football Writers Association of America First-Team All-American, the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year and a First-Team All-Big 12 selection.

Davis is fourth in the nation averaging 13.5 yards per punt return and tied for first with two punt return touchdowns this season. He is the FBS active leader with five career punt returns for touchdowns. Both of his special teams touchdowns this season opened the scoring for TCU, coming in the first half of TCU's games against Colorado and Texas Tech.

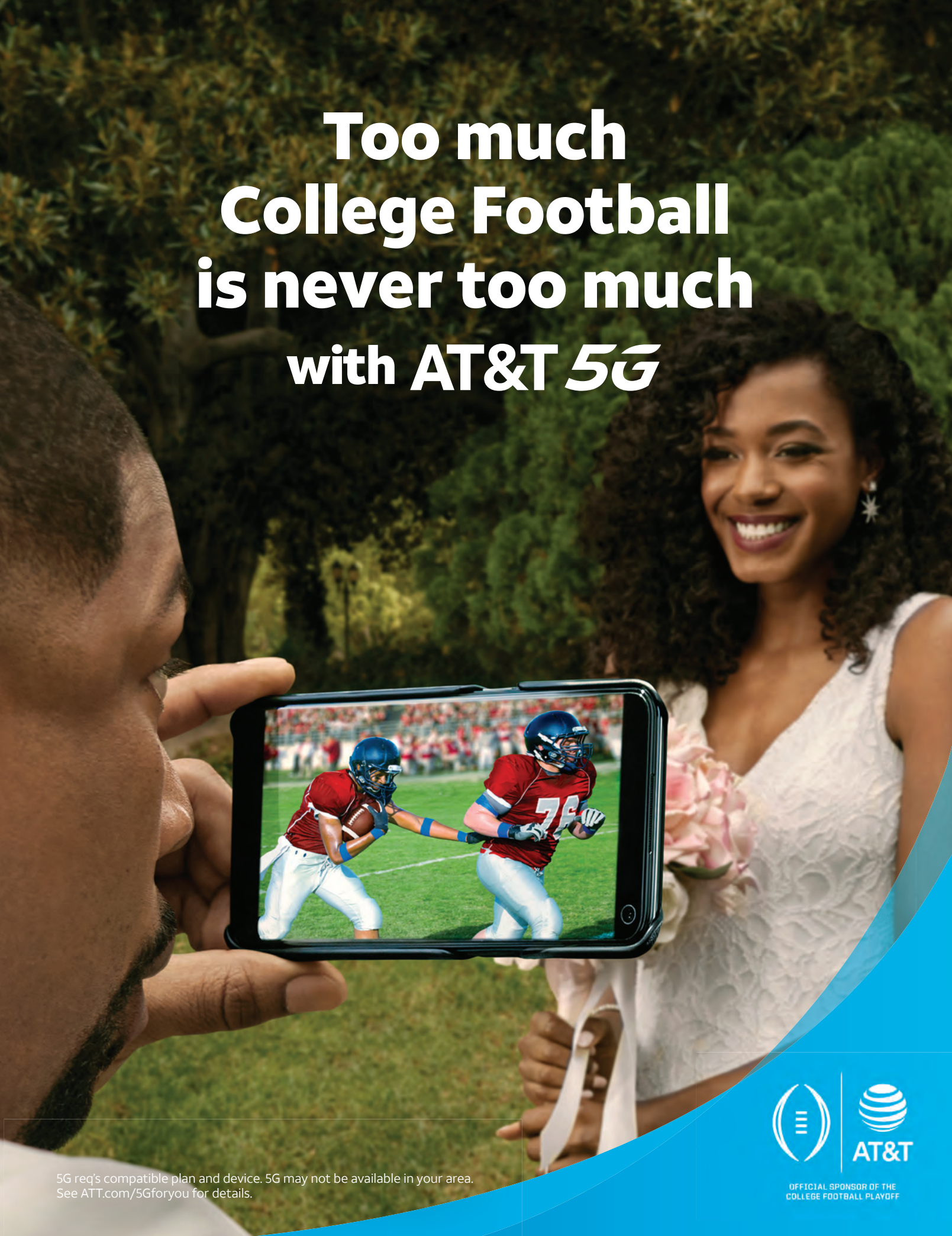
Griffin Kell earned First-Team All-Big 12 recognition as he is 17-19 on field goal attempts this season, including the game-winning 40-yard field goal as time expired against rival Baylor to keep TCU undefeated. He kicked a career-long 54-yard field goal, fifth-longest in TCU history, in the win over Iowa State, and his 89.5% accuracy is tied for 14th best in the nation.

Kell's 46 career field goals rank sixth in TCU history, one behind Chris Manfredini for fifth (47, 2005-07).

Punter Jordy Sandy has downed 16 punts inside the 20-yard line this season. The Australia native is donating $20 to the Hope Center for Autism in Fort Worth for every one of his punts downed inside the 20. The season total is now $200.

Sandy, who also earned All-Big 12 recognition, has been instrumental in TCU allowing only five opponent punt returns for 29 yards.

True freshman Luke Laminack has handled kickoff duties this season.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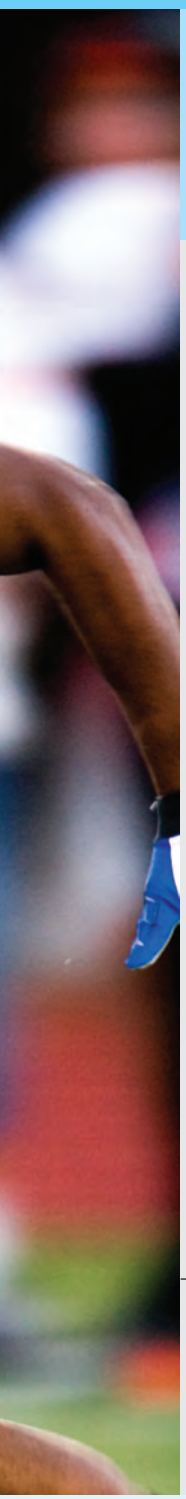

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# CHRONOLOGY

## 2011

**OCT 4**
With the fourth Bowl Championship Series (BCS) four-year term set to conclude after the 2013-14 season, the commissioners began creating a process for considering possible formats for the future.

**NOV 14**
The Presidential Oversight Committee members addressed the matter further in their in-person meeting in Denver.

## 2012

During the winter and spring, the commissioners and presidents spent countless hours evaluating the many pros and cons of numerous possible formats. These formats ranged from returning to the old bowl system with no attempt to match the top two teams, to continuing the BCS, to creating a multi-team tournament.

**APR 25**
At a meeting in Hollywood, Florida, the commissioners took both an eight-team and a 16-team playoff off the table. They prepared a small number of four-team options for discussion in the conference meetings to be held in May. They discussed in detail the advantages and disadvantages of various ways to rank or qualify teams.

**JAN 10 - MAR 26**
The commissioners met in person January 10 in New Orleans, February 21-22 and March 26 in Dallas and several times by teleconference. They affirmed a commitment to protect college football's regular season, the best in sports, and to preserve the bowl tradition and the bowl experience for students. Further, they focused on the realities of the academic calendar and options related to where the games should be played. They self-imposed a deadline of the summer of 2012 to decide what changes to propose to the presidents.

**JUN 12-13**
The commissioners met in Chicago to report on the consensus regarding the playoff that was developed during their recent conference meetings.

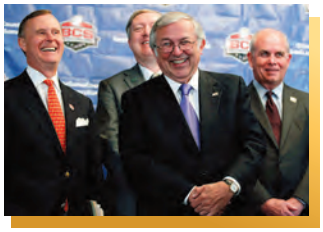
**JUN 20**
Meeting in the Sullivan Room at the InterContinental hotel in downtown Chicago, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend a four team playoff for 12 years beginning in 2014-15, with a selection committee choosing the participating teams.

**NOV 12**
In a Denver meeting, the presidents and chancellors unanimously approved the format that called for a stand-alone championship game and semifinals rotating evenly through three contract bowls and three other bowls over the 12 years. The group also took the following actions:

+ Adopted a revenue-distribution plan and agreed to review it after four years to determine whether the allocations should be revised;
+ Agreed that the academic pool would be distributed through the conferences or processed directly to the independent institutions;
+ Guaranteed a spot in one of the six bowls to the highest-ranked champion from the Big East (later became the American Athletic), Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West and Sun Belt conferences, as determined by the selection committee, when such champion does not qualify to play in one of the semifinals;
+ Confirmed that the media rights would cover 12 championship games, 24 semifinals and 24 host bowls;
+ Supported the concept of not having a title sponsor for the championship game;
+ Decided that the Rose and Sugar Bowls would host semifinals in the same year; Orange Bowl and Host 1 in the same year; and Host 2 and Host 3 in the same year.
+ Agreed that the champion of a contract-bowl conference that is displaced by the semifinals will play in one of the host bowls;
+ Voted to create a limited liability corporation (LLC) to manage the event, with the presidents and chancellors serving as the Board of Managers.

**NOV 14**
The Presidential Oversight Committee named Bill Hancock Executive Director. Hancock had been Executive Director of the BCS for three years. He had become BCS administrator in October 2005.

**JUN 26**
Meeting at the Dupont Circle Hotel in Washington, D.C., the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee members voted unanimously to submit legislation to the NCAA Board of Directors that would allow two institutions to participate in two post-season games each year—thereby officially creating the playoff. The presidential group adopted the format and policies that had been recommended by the commissioners June 20. The NCAA would approve the proposal in August. The presidents and chancellors also endorsed (1) rotating the semifinal games among six bowls and playing the championship game at neutral sites under the management of the conferences and (2) creating a selection committee that would rank the teams to play, giving all the teams an equal opportunity to participate. Among the factors the committee would be instructed to value were win-loss record, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, and whether a team is a conference champion.



The presidents' group also decided to (1) play the semifinals New Year's Eve or New Year's Day; (2) create "Championship Monday" by setting the date of the championship game on the first Monday in January that is six or more days after the semifinal games; (3) establish the new format to cover a 12-year term, from the 2014-2015 season through the 2025-2026 season; (4) distribute revenue from the playoff according to a formula that (a) rewards conferences for success on the field, (b) accommodates teams' expenses, (c) acknowledges marketplace factors, (d) rewards academic performance of student-athletes; and (e) eliminates the "automatic qualification" designation.

**NOV 21**
The group and ESPN reached an agreement in principle for ESPN to present the games for 12 years on an exclusive basis across its platforms. The agreement included the national championship game and semifinals as well as other bowl games that would be a part of the rotation to host the semifinals.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ON ESPN

# CHRONOLOGY

## 2013

**JAN 8**
During a meeting in Miami, the commissioners unanimously agreed that the new event would launch with semifinals January 1, 2015, in the Rose and Sugar Bowls. The group also agreed that the Orange Bowl and a yet-to-be-named bowl would host the semifinal games in the second year. The hosts in the third year were also yet to be named.

**JAN 14**
Hancock and Kelly opened a temporary headquarters in the Conference USA suite of offices at 5201 N. O'Connor Blvd. in Irving, Texas.

**MAR 13**
CFP Administration, LLC, a limited liability company, was organized to manage the administrative operation of the College Football Playoff. Under its operating agreement, members of the company were the 10 Football Bowl Subdivision conferences and Notre Dame. The company would be governed by a board of managers, consisting of a university president or chancellor nominated by each member. Day-to-day operations of the company were to be managed by a management committee, consisting of the FBS commissioners and Notre Dame athletics director.

**FEB 7**
The management committee unanimously agreed to implement a philanthropic program when the new structure begins. It also decided that the new event warranted a new trophy.

**APR 23**
The name "College Football Playoff" was adopted for the new event and was announced at a news conference in Pasadena. Also, the group invited fans to choose the logo through an online voting process.

**APR 24**
Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, was named to host the first national championship game of the new era. Also, the Fiesta Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Chick-fil-A Bowl were selected to be part of the semifinal host rotation.
The management committee established the following semifinal rotation: year 1 – Rose and Sugar; year 2 – Orange and Cotton; year 3 – Chick-fil-A and Fiesta. Also, it was agreed that, for the sake of consistency, the name of a bowl participating in the arrangement should include specific wording, either traditional or descriptive of the local culture, in addition to the title sponsor's name.

2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
NORTH TEXAS

**MAY 7**
The board agreed to locate the headquarters for CFP Administration LLC in Irving, Texas, at 545 East John Carpenter Freeway, in The Summit building. The office would open August 5.

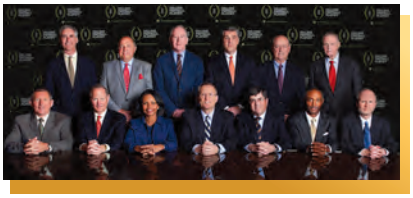
**APR 25**
The management committee formulated plans for the selection committee, including, (1) it would be comprised of no more than 18 members; (2) each conference would be invited to nominate prospective members; (3) the management committee would choose the members and their terms, and also the chair; (4) committee members would not receive honoraria but would receive expense reimbursement; (5) members would serve three-year terms, with selected individuals' terms being two or four years initially until a rotation were achieved; and (6) members would not be eligible for re-election after their terms expire.

**APR 29**
Some 101,670 fans participating in an online ballot chose the "gold football" logo. It received 38 percent of the vote, compared with 25 percent, 24 percent and 13 percent for the other three candidates.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# CHRONOLOGY

**JUN 18**
The management committee decided several matters related to the selection committee, including: (1) members would fall into one of five classifications, including sitting athletics directors, and persons with experience as coaches, student-athletes, administrators and journalists; (2) persons currently working for media agencies, or serving as commentators in any media, are not eligible to serve; (3) five slots would go to athletics directors from the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC and Pac-12; (4) each nominee for the committee must be approved by unanimous consent of the management committee; and (5) committee members would not be expected to attend games in person and the CFP would not reimburse expenses for those who do attend games.



**NOV 10**
The board of managers authorized creation of the CFP Foundation.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FOUNDATION

**NOV 11**
The selection committee met for the first time, at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. The members reviewed the proposed protocol and conducted an exercise on assigning teams to bowl sites.

**OCT 16**
Membership of the first selection committee was announced. The 13 members were Barry Alvarez, athletics director, Wisconsin; Mike Gould, former superintendent, Air Force Academy; Pat Haden, athletics director, Southern California; Tom Jernstedt, former NCAA executive vice president; Jeff Long (chair), vice chancellor and athletics director, Arkansas; Oliver Luck, athletics director, West Virginia; Archie Manning, former student-athlete, Mississippi; Tom Osborne, former athletics director and coach, Nebraska; Dan Radakovich, athletics director, Clemson; Condoleezza Rice, former provost, Stanford; Mike Tranghese, former commissioner, Big East conference; Steve Wieberg, former journalist, USA Today; Tyrone Willingham, former head coach, Stanford, Notre Dame and Washington.

**DEC 16**
Arizona and Tampa Bay were named to host the College Football Playoff national championship games in 2016 and 2017.

2016 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ARIZONA

2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TAMPA BAY

## 2014

**JAN 13**
Applications for the first College Football Playoff random ticket drawing were being accepted. Fans could apply for tickets to attend the championship game January 12, 2015.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP NORTH TEXAS 2015

**MAY 1**
The group formally launched its philanthropic initiative, Extra Yard for Teachers, to honor and support teachers nationally and in the communities that host the College Football Playoff national championship. Ticket prices for the 2015 national championship were adopted: club seating, $650; general, $450; student, $200; standing-room-only, $200.

EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS

**JUL 14**
The new College Football Playoff National Championship trophy was unveiled.

**APR 30**
It was determined the selection committee would compile rankings seven times during the season, including selection Sunday, and to be announced Tuesday evenings beginning October 28.

**OCT 8**
The CFP held mock selection exercises with representatives of the media including ESPN.

**OCT 28**
The selection committee convened at the Gaylord Hotel in Grapevine, Texas, and issued its first rankings.

# CHRONOLOGY

## 2015

**JAN 1**
In the first CFP semifinals, Oregon defeated Florida State and Ohio State defeated Alabama.

**JAN 6**
The management committee and Board of Managers agreed to defray costs for student-athletes' parents or guardians to travel to the site of the CFP National Championship.

**FEB 9**
Texas Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt was named to the selection committee, replacing Oliver Luck who had taken a position in the NCAA national office.

**MAY 20**
The Sports Business Journal named the College Football Playoff its "event of the year."

**JAN 12**
Ohio State defeated Oregon in the first CFP National Championship at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

**MAR 27**
Former Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson was named to the selection committee, replacing Archie Manning who had stepped down.

**JUN 16**
Noting that the Army-Navy game would be played six days after the CFP selection day, the management committee unanimously agreed that, if the Army-Navy result may affect Army's or Navy's placement or seeding in a semifinal game or one of the other bowls that the committee would fill, the pairings for selected games involving Army or Navy only may be delayed so the committee can consider the result of the Army-Navy game.

## 2016

**JAN 11**
Alabama defeated Clemson, 45-40 in Glendale, Arizona in the 2016 CFP National Championship. C. Max Nikias, president of the University of Southern California, was named chair of the board of managers.

**JUL 28**
The management committee moved the semifinal games in years 5, 6, 11 and 12 of the CFP rotation to Saturdays. With the adjustment, all semifinal games through 2026 would be played on Saturdays or holidays.

**JAN 21**
Jeff Bower, Lloyd Carr, Herb Deromedi and Rob Mullens were appointed to the selection committee.

**JAN 28**
Kirby Hocutt was named chair of the selection committee.

**JUL 16**
Britton Banowsky was named Executive Director of the CFP Foundation.

**JUL 30**
In light of a new NCAA policy allowing it, the management committee and board of managers unanimously agreed to defray costs for student-athletes' parents or guardians to travel to the sites of the CFP semifinal games in addition to the championship game.

**NOV 4**
CFP selected Atlanta; Santa Clara, Calif.; and New Orleans to host the championship games in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ATLANTA

2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BAY AREA

2020 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP NEW ORLEANS

## 2017

**JAN 9**
Clemson beats Alabama, 35-31 in Tampa in the 2017 CFP National Championship.

**JAN 17**
Frank Beamer, Chris Howard and Gene Smith were appointed to the selection committee.

**NOV 10**
South Florida, Indianapolis, Los Angeles and Houston were chosen to host the championship games in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MIAMI

## 2018

**JUL 17**
Andrea Williams became the CFP's chief operating officer after Michael Kelly was named athletics director at the University of South Florida.

**JAN 8**
Alabama defeated Georgia in OT, 26-23 in Atlanta in the 2018 CFP National Championship.

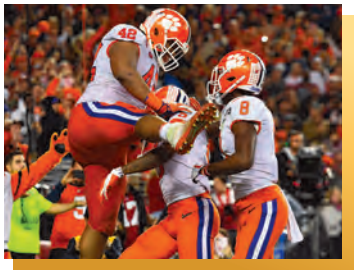
**JAN 17**
The management committee named Rob Mullens chair of the selection committee. Paola Boivin, Joe Castiglione, Ken Hatfield, Ronnie Lott, Todd Stansbury and Scott Stricklin were also appointed.

**AUG 16**
The board of managers unanimously elected Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum as its chair.

# CHRONOLOGY

## 2019

**JAN 7**
Clemson defeated Alabama, 44-16 in Santa Clara, California in the 2019 CFP National Championship.

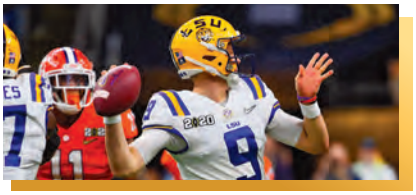


**APR 25**
The CFP Foundation board supported the concept of a new initiative, "Go Teach," to encourage student athletes to enter the teaching field when they graduate from college.

**JAN 16**
Terry Mohajir, Ray Odierno and R. C. Slocum were named to the selection committee.

**FEB 9**
The management committee appointed University of Iowa athletics director Gary Barta to the selection committee, replacing Gene Smith, who stepped down.

## 2020



**JAN 13**
LSU defeated Clemson, 42-25 in New Orleans, Louisiana in the 2020 CFP National Championship.

**AUG 5**
The College Football Playoff Management Committee moved selection weekend from December 4-6 to December 18-20 after a number of conferences moved their championship games to December 12 and 18-19. In addition, the committee reduced bowl game travel for the Playoff Semifinals and national championship game to three days. The other New Year's Six bowls adopted a similar schedule for the 2020-21 bowl season.

**SEP 11**
The CFP suspended for one year Playoff Fan Central, Playoff Playlist Live! and other in-person events traditionally held at the national championship game because of the pandemic.

**SEP 30**
The selection committee's first meeting of the season was moved to November 23-24.

**JAN 22**
The management committee named Gary Barta chairman of the selection committee. Tom Burman, Rick George and John Urschel were appointed to serve on the committee.

**AUG 13**
CFP executive director Bill Hancock announced that one additional year had been added to the term of Paola Boivin's service. Boivin was originally scheduled to rotate off the committee following the 2021 national championship game.

**DEC 19**
The CFP and Tournament of Roses announced, given the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Southern California, the Playoff Semifinal previously scheduled to be played at the Rose Bowl Stadium would be played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, at 4 pm Central time January 1, 2021.

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# CHRONOLOGY

## 2021

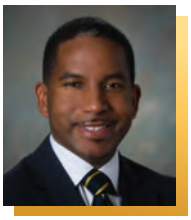
**JAN 11**
Alabama defeated Ohio State, 52-24 in Miami, Florida in the 2021 CFP National Championship.

**JAN 26**
Mitch Barnhart, Boo Corrigan, Chris Del Conte, Will Shields and Joe Taylor were appointed to the selection committee.

**MAR 4**
The management committee appointed Georgia State University athletics director Charlie Cobb to the selection committee, replacing Terry Mohajir, who had taken the athletics director job at the University of Central Florida.

**JUL 7**
The management committee appointed former head coach Tyrone Willingham to the selection committee to complete the final year of the term of R.C. Slocum, who stepped down for health reasons.

**AUG 4**
The management committee appointed Kansas State University athletics director Gene Taylor to the selection committee, replacing Chris Del Conte.



**DECEMBER 20**
Byron Hatch became the CFP's chief operating officer after Andrea Williams was named Chief Experience Officer for the Utah Jazz.

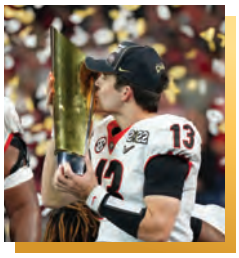
## 2022

**JANUARY 25**
The management committee named Boo Corrigan chairman of the selection committee. Chet Gladchuk, Jim Grobe, Warde Manuel and Kelly Whiteside were appointed to the selection committee.

**FEBRUARY 18**
The CFP board of managers accepted a recommendation from the management committee to continue the current four-team playoff for the next four years, as called for in the CFP's original 12-year plan.

**DECEMBER 1**
The CFP Board of Managers agreed to begin the newly-expanded 12-team College Football Playoff in the postseason after the 2024 regular season. The first round in 2024 will take place the week ending Saturday, December 21, at either the home field of the higher-seeded team or at another site designated by the higher-seed institution (No. 12 at No. 5, No. 11 at No. 6, No. 10 at No. 7, and No. 9 at No. 8.) The 2024 quarterfinals will take place in the Fiesta Bowl, Peach Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl, while the Cotton Bowl and Orange Bowl will host the Playoff Semifinals. The 2025 quarterfinals will take place in the Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl, while the Fiesta Bowl and Peach Bowl will host the Playoff Semifinals. The national championship games will be played January 20, 2025, in Atlanta, and January 19, 2026, in Miami.

**JANUARY 10**
Georgia defeated Alabama, 33-18, in Indianapolis, Indiana in the 2022 CFP National Championship.



**AUGUST 15**
The CFP announced Miami as the host of the 2026 national championship game at the conclusion of the 2025 regular season.

**AUGUST 16**
The CFP announced Atlanta as the host of the 2025 national championship game at the conclusion of the 2024 regular season.

**SEPTEMBER 2**
The CFP Board of Managers unanimously voted to expand the current four-team playoff into a 12-team playoff. The new format, consistent with a proposal the board of managers reviewed in the fall and winter of 2021-22, was to begin for the 2026 college football regular season. The board tasked the CFP Management Committee with assessing the possibility of beginning the expanded playoff in either the 2024 or 2025 regular season.

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## CFP BOARD OF MANAGERS

**(11 UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS AND CHANCELLORS)**

The company's business, property and affairs are governed by the Board of Managers. The board develops, reviews and approves annual budgets, policies and operating guidelines. It also appoints and removes officers of the company. It has authority over all aspects of the company's operations.

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**(10 CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS AND NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS DIRECTOR)**

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## COMPANY OFFICERS

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The company president, Bill Hancock, and secretary, Byron Hatch, carry out the day-to-day operations of the company. Hancock's and Hatch's formal titles are Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, respectively.

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College football has been a part of our lives for as long as we can remember. We grew up on college campuses, we played, we coached and have spent our lives around college athletics. Being on the Selection Committee has given us the opportunity to give back to the game we love.

During the last year, it has been my privilege to serve as chair of the College Football Playoff Selection Committee. I want to personally thank all the committee members with whom I have been honored to serve. Their diligence and commitment to thoughtful deliberation and study of each team every week continues to ensure the integrity and quality of the CFP process. The dedication of those who serve on the committee is unwavering, and the tremendous staff at the CFP work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that the College Football Playoff is a first-class and memorable event for the teams and fans.

For the student-athletes, coaches, and staff participating in this year's national championship game, our goal is for you to create lifelong memories during your time in Los Angeles. We know the hard work and dedication that went into reaching this moment. We wish you success in competition and, more importantly, in your life journey well into the future.

Thank you all for an amazing first eight years of the College Football Playoff. We look forward to kicking off 2023 with the best national championship game so far!

**BOO CORRIGAN**
Selection Committee Chair
College Football Playoff

## RESUME

### CURRENT OCCUPATION
- Director of Athletics, NC State (2019-Present)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
- Guided a program that saw five teams finish in the Top 4 in the nation in their respective polls during the 2021-22 academic year. Overall NC State finished at No. 17 in the Learfield Directors' Cup, marking the second-highest finish in school history.
- Football has posted a 25-10 record over the past three seasons.
- The Wolfpack captured back-to-back NCAA women's cross country national championships in 2021 and 2022, the first NCAA titles ever by a Wolfpack women's team and the school's first national title in any sport since 1983.
- Served eight years as director of athletics at West Point. Army claimed 20 Patriot League regular season or tournament championships and sent 14 teams to the NCAA postseason during that time.
- A two-time Athletic Director of the Year choice by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA, 2022 and 2017)
- Prior to joining Army, worked for three years in the athletic department at Duke, serving as senior associate athletics director for external affairs.
- Also served five years as associate athletics director for marketing at the University of Notre Dame and three years as associate athletics director for marketing at the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Was the assistant director of marketing at Florida State from 1992 to 1996.

### EDUCATION
- Master's degree in education from Virginia Commonwealth (2013)
- Bachelor's degree in economics, Notre Dame (1990)

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# BOTOX® for Chronic Migraine?

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BOTOX® prevents, on average, 8 to 9 headache days and migraine/probable migraine days a month (vs 6 to 7 for placebo).

## does it work?

## what about cost?

**Questions about BOTOX®? It's time to ask your doctor.**

## INDICATION

BOTOX® (onabotulinumtoxinA) is a prescription medicine that is injected into muscles and used to prevent headaches in adults with chronic migraine who have 15 or more days each month with headache lasting 4 or more hours each day in people 18 years and older.

It is not known whether BOTOX is safe and effective to prevent headaches in patients with migraine who have 14 or fewer headache days each month (episodic migraine).

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**BOTOX may cause serious side effects that can be life threatening. Get medical help right away if you have any of these problems any time (hours to weeks) after injection of BOTOX:**

- **Problems swallowing, speaking, or breathing,** due to weakening of associated muscles, can be severe and result in loss of life. You are at the highest risk if these problems are preexisting before injection. Swallowing problems may last for several months.
- **Spread of toxin effects.** The effect of botulinum toxin may affect areas away from the injection site and cause serious symptoms, including loss of strength and all-over muscle weakness; double vision; blurred vision; drooping eyelids; hoarseness or change or loss of voice; trouble saying words clearly; loss of bladder control; trouble breathing; and trouble swallowing.

There has not been a confirmed serious case of spread of toxin effect away from the injection site when BOTOX has been used at the recommended dose to treat chronic migraine.

BOTOX may cause loss of strength or general muscle weakness, vision problems, or dizziness within hours to weeks of receiving BOTOX. **If this happens, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities.**

**Do not receive BOTOX if you** are allergic to any of the ingredients in BOTOX (see Medication Guide for ingredients); had an allergic reaction to any other botulinum toxin product such as Myobloc® (rimabotulinumtoxinB), Dysport® (abobotulinumtoxinA), or Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA); have a skin infection at the planned injection site.

**The dose of BOTOX is not the same as, or comparable to, another botulinum toxin product.**

**Serious and/or immediate allergic reactions have been reported,** including itching; rash; red, itchy welts; wheezing; asthma symptoms; dizziness; or feeling faint. Get medical help right away if you experience symptoms; further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued.

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and

# 92%

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**It's time to talk to your doctor about BOTOX® and ask if samples are available.**

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**CHRONIC MIGRAINE**

**BOTOXChronicMigraine.com**

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)

**Tell your doctor about all your muscle or nerve conditions,** such as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease, myasthenia gravis, or Lambert-Eaton syndrome, as you may be at increased risk of serious side effects, including difficulty swallowing and difficulty breathing from typical doses of BOTOX.

**Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you** have or have had bleeding problems; have plans to have surgery; had surgery on your face; have weakness of forehead muscles, trouble raising your eyebrows, drooping eyelids, and any other abnormal facial change; are pregnant or plan to become pregnant (it is not known if BOTOX can harm your unborn baby); are breastfeeding or plan to (it is not known if BOTOX passes into breast milk).

**Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Using BOTOX with certain other medicines may cause serious side effects. **Do not start any new medicines until you have told your doctor that you have received BOTOX in the past.**

Tell your doctor if you received any other botulinum toxin product in the last 4 months; have received injections of botulinum toxin such as Myobloc®, Dysport®, or Xeomin® in the past (tell your doctor exactly which product you received); have recently received an antibiotic by injection; take muscle relaxants; take an allergy or cold medicine; take a sleep medicine; take aspirin-like products or blood thinners.

**Other side effects of BOTOX include** dry mouth; discomfort or pain at the injection site; tiredness; headache; neck pain; eye problems such as double vision, blurred vision, decreased eyesight, drooping eyelids, swelling of your eyelids, and dry eyes; drooping eyebrows; and upper respiratory tract infection.

For more information, refer to the Medication Guide or talk with your doctor.

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.**

**Please see accompanying Summary of Information about BOTOX®.**

**If you are having difficulty paying for your medicine, AbbVie may be able to help. Visit AbbVie.com/myAbbVieAssist to learn more.**

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**Summary of Information about BOTOX® (onabotulinumtoxinA)**

**What is the most important information I should know about BOTOX®?**

**BOTOX® may cause serious side effects that can be life threatening. Call your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of these problems any time (hours to weeks) after injection of BOTOX®:**

- **Problems swallowing, speaking, or breathing,** due to weakening of associated muscles, can be severe and result in loss of life. You are at the highest risk if these problems are pre-existing before injection. Swallowing problems may last for several months
- **Spread of toxin effects.** The effect of botulinum toxin may affect areas away from the injection site and cause serious symptoms including: loss of strength and all-over muscle weakness, double vision, blurred vision and drooping eyelids, hoarseness or change or loss of voice, trouble saying words clearly, loss of bladder control, trouble breathing, and trouble swallowing

There has not been a confirmed serious case of spread of toxin effect away from the injection site when BOTOX® has been used at the recommended dose to treat Chronic Migraine.

BOTOX® may cause loss of strength or general muscle weakness, vision problems, or dizziness within hours to weeks of taking BOTOX®. **If this happens, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities.**

**BOTOX® dosing units are not the same as, or comparable to, any other botulinum toxin product.**

**What is BOTOX®?**

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It is not known whether BOTOX® is safe or effective to prevent headaches in people with migraine who have 14 or fewer headache days each month (episodic migraine).

**Who should not receive BOTOX®?**

Do not receive BOTOX® if you are: allergic to any of the ingredients in BOTOX® such as botulinum toxin type A and human serum albumin; had an allergic reaction to another botulinum toxin product such as Myobloc® (rimabotulinumtoxinB), Dysport® (abobotulinumtoxinA), or Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA); or have a skin infection at the planned injection site.

**What should I tell my doctor before treatment?**

Tell your doctor about all your muscle or nerve conditions, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), myasthenia gravis, or Lambert-Eaton syndrome, as you may be at increased risk of serious side effects.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had breathing problems such as asthma or emphysema; swallowing problems; bleeding issues; plan to or have had surgery; have forehead muscle weakness such as trouble raising your eyebrows; drooping eyelids; or any changes to your face.

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**What Are Common Side Effects?**

The most common side effects include neck pain; headache; migraine; slight or partial facial paralysis; drooping eyebrows; eyelid drooping; bronchitis; musculoskeletal stiffness; muscular weakness; pain in 1 or more muscles, ligaments, tendons, or bones; muscle spasms; injection site pain; and high blood pressure. Other side effects have been reported including allergic reactions e.g. itching, rash, red itchy welts, wheezing, asthma symptoms, or dizziness or feeling faint.

These are not all of the possible side effects. Call your doctor for medical advice if you experience any side effects after treatment with BOTOX®.

**What Should I Tell My Doctor About Medicines and Vitamins I Take?**

Using BOTOX® with certain other medicines may cause serious side effects. **Do not start any new medicines until you have told your doctor that you have received BOTOX® in the past.** Tell your doctor if you have received an injection with another botulinum toxin product in the last 4 months, such as Myobloc®, Dysport®, or Xeomin®. Be sure your doctor knows which product you received.

Tell your doctor about all prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements you take; recent antibiotic injections; anticholinergics; muscle relaxants; allergy or cold medicine; sleep medicine; aspirin-like products; and blood thinners. **Ask your doctor if you are not sure whether your medicine is listed above.**

**To Learn More**

If you would like more information, talk to your doctor and/or go to BotoxChronicMigraine.com for full Product Information.

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# PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL

## PAIRINGS + TOP 25 FINAL RANKINGS

1 GEORGIA

4 OHIO STATE

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
LOS ANGELES

Chick-fil-A PEACH BOWL | Vrbo Fiesta Bowl

2 MICHIGAN

3 TCU

### FREQUENCY OF RANKINGS

Selection Committee members meet weekly, in person, on Mondays and Tuesdays to produce rankings. The committee released its first rankings Tuesday, November 1, and continued for the next four weeks leading up to Selection Day on Sunday, December 4, 2022.

### DATA

Selection Committee members had a wealth of information, including review of video, statistics, and their own expertise to guide them in their deliberations. They emphasized obvious factors like win-loss records and results against common opponents. The playoff group has retained SportSource Analytics to provide the data platform that allowed the committee members to compare and contrast every team on every level possible.

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|---|---|---|
| 5 ALABAMA | 6 TENNESSEE | 7 CLEMSON |
| 8 UTAH | 9 KANSAS STATE | 10 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA |
| 11 PENN STATE | 12 WASHINGTON | 13 FLORIDA STATE |
| 14 OREGON STATE | 15 OREGON | 16 TULANE |
| 17 LSU | 18 UCLA | 19 SOUTH CAROLINA |
| 20 TEXAS | 21 NOTRE DAME | 22 MISSISSIPPI STATE |
| 23 NC STATE | 24 TROY | 25 UTSA |

# GAME REWIND

THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF HAS CROWNED EIGHT DESERVING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS THUS FAR. HERE'S A LOOK AT HOW THEY DID IT ON THE BIG STAGE.

HOLDEN
11
CRIMSON TIDE

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
INDIANAPOLIS 2022

## JANUARY 10, 2022

**LOCATION**
Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis, Indiana

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Natalie Grant

**ATTENDANCE**
**68,311**

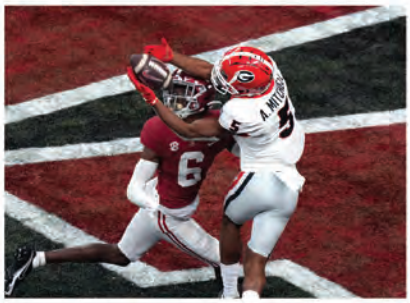
**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**
**OFFENSE**
Stetson Bennett, Georgia

**DEFENSE**
Lewis Cine, Georgia

The No. 3 Georgia Bulldogs defeated the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide, 33-18, capturing the program's first national championship in the College Football Playoff and first overall national title in 41 years.

In the contest, senior quarterback Stetson Bennett, a former walk-on, threw two touchdown passes, including scoring throws of 40 yards to Adonai Mitchell and 15 yards to Brock Bowers. Bennett completed 17-of-26 passes for 224 yards en route to being voted the Offensive Player of the Game.

Georgia again leaned on its defense, allowing only 30 rushing yards from the Tide. UGA's title clinching touchdown came on cornerback Kelee Ringo's 79-yard interception return of Bryce Young's pass with less than a minute remaining. It was redemption for a Bulldog defensive unit that hadn't allowed more than 17 points in a game before being humbled in its 41-24 loss to Alabama in the SEC championship game on Dec. 4. The Bulldogs entered the national championship game allowing a nation-best 9.6 points per game.



Alabama and Georgia attracted 22.6 million viewers tuning in across all ESPN networks, up 19 percent year-over-year.

Junior DB Lewis Cine was named Defensive Player of the Game after collecting seven total tackles, including six solo stops, one from behind the line of scrimmage and a pass breakup. Linebackers Quay Walker and Channing Tindall led Georgia with eight tackles apiece, while Nolan Smith pitched in two tackles for loss.

Georgia completed the 2021-22 campaign with a 14-1 record, capped by its first national title since the 1980 season under Vince Dooley. The victory also marked the first for UGA head coach Kirby Smart, former Alabama defensive coordinator, in five meetings with Crimson Tide head coach Nick Saban.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 3 | Georgia | 33 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 18 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC**

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| No. 4 | Cincinnati | 6 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 27 |

**CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL**

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| No. 3 | Georgia | 34 |
| No. 2 | Michigan | 11 |

"I can't describe the feeling. I tried not to put the Bulldog Nation on my shoulders because I can't carry that weight. But when Kelee caught that pick -- and I didn't even see him score the touchdown. I just saw him catch the pick -- it just lifted off my shoulders. I just started crying. The emotions just came over me. It was probably a little too early because football is crazy. But that was when it all hit me, the wave of emotion. I can't describe it. I wasn't expecting it. It caught me off guard. But that was when it set in."

**GEORGIA QUARTERBACK STETSON BENNETT**

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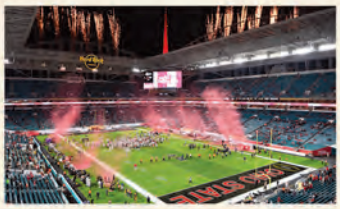
# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MIAMI 2021

## JANUARY 11, 2021

**LOCATION**
Hard Rock Stadium
Miami Gardens, Florida



**ATTENDANCE**
**14,926**

**PLAYERS**
**OFFENSE**
DeVonta Smith, Alabama

**DEFENSE**
Christian Barmore, Alabama

The final game of a college football season that was uncertain to be played in the summer and filled with disruptions because of a pandemic ended with the CFP No. 1 seed taking a 52-24 win over No. 3 Ohio State. It was Alabama's sixth national championship in 12 years under head coach Nick Saban.

The Tide finished the year 13-0. Wide receiver DeVonta Smith, running back Najee Harris and quarterback Mac Jones proved to be too much for a very talented Ohio State squad, putting together 60 minutes of impressive execution.

"To me, this is the ultimate team," Saban said. "There is more togetherness on this team than on almost any team we've ever had. They've had to overcome and to persevere so much through this season, and they have done it magnificently."

DeVonta Smith set records for most catches (12) and receiving yards (215).

Smith saved the best for last, another terrific performance in the final game of his college career. The Heisman Trophy winner had 12 catches for 215 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half. Smith finished his career as the leading receiver in SEC history and Offensive Player of the Game.

Ohio State's Justin Fields passed for 194 yards and a touchdown. Jones was 36 for 45 for a national championship-record 464 yards and five touchdowns. Harris had 158 yards from scrimmage on 29 touches, scoring three times to give him an SEC-record 30 touchdowns on the season.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 3 | Ohio State | 24 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 52 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY CAPITAL ONE**

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|---|---|---|
| No. 4 | Notre Dame | 14 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 31 |

**ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**

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| No. 3 | Ohio State | 49 |
| No. 2 | Clemson | 28 |

"I think we're the best team to ever play. There is no team that will ever play an SEC schedule like that again."

ALABAMA QUARTERBACK MAC JONES

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
LOS ANGELES 2023

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
## NEW ORLEANS 2020

## JANUARY 13, 2020

**LOCATION**
Mercedes-Benz Superdome
New Orleans, Louisiana

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Lauren Daigle

**ATTENDANCE**
**76,885**

**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**
**OFFENSE**
Joe Burrow, LSU

**DEFENSE**
Patrick Queen, LSU

Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow capped a record-breaking season for both he and his team, bringing the CFP National Championship title to LSU in a 42-25 win over Clemson. The Offensive Player of the Game, Burrow's five touchdown passes and 463 yards through the air were the most for a BCS or CFP title game, as were his six total touchdowns. It marked the first time the top-ranked team won the CFP National Championship and the second straight year the champion finished the season at 15-0.

Ja'Marr Chase caught nine balls for 221 yards and two scores, and Justin Jefferson added nine catches for 106 yards. Thaddeus Moss had five catches and two scores. Defensively, LSU's Patrick Queen's eight total tackles, including six solo stops plus a half-sack, earned him Defensive Player of the Game honors.

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence started the game with a rushing touchdown, while also connecting on 18-of-37 passes for 234 yards. Remarkably, it was the first loss of his collegiate career, ending a personal 25-game win streak as a starter and a 29-game win streak for Clemson overall.

ESPN's telecast averaged nearly 26 million viewers – the highest rated non-NFL sporting event since the 2019 CFP National Championship. It even topped Game 7 of the 2019 World Series (23.22 million).

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 1 | LSU | 42 |
| No. 3 | Clemson | 25 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL**

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| No. 1 | LSU | 63 |
| No. 4 | Oklahoma | 28 |

**PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL**

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| No. 3 | Clemson | 29 |
| No. 2 | Ohio | 23 |

"He's one of the greatest players in LSU history. He's done so much for the state of Louisiana and LSU. We are so grateful to Joe Burrow."

**LSU HEAD COACH ED ORGERON**

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
BAY AREA 2019

## JANUARY 7, 2019

**LOCATION**
Levi's Stadium
Santa Clara, California

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Andy Grammer

**ATTENDANCE**
**74,814**

**PLAYERS**
**OFFENSE**
Trevor Lawrence, Clemson

**DEFENSE**
Trayvon Mullen, Clemson

Round III of the title-game series between these teams actually marked the fourth straight year they met in a CFP game – the Crimson Tide dominated the Tigers in a 2018 Playoff Semifinal. This time, it was almost all Clemson.

After a back-and-forth first quarter, the Tigers found themselves down, 16-14, early in the second quarter. Then freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, running back Travis Etienne and a defense led by cornerback Travyon Mullen turned the game around.

Lawrence connected with nine receivers, completing 20-of-32 passes for 347 yards and three touchdowns, and Etienne ran for a pair of touchdowns. Mullen had a sack, forced a fumble and returned an interception 46 yards as the Tigers stopped an Alabama offense that had been averaging 47 points per game.

Clemson became the first team to go 15-0 since Penn in 1897.

The ESPN multi-cast attracted nearly 27 million viewers, becoming the seventh-most-watched cable telecast ever. Each of the first five CFP National Championships rank among the top 10 most-watched cable events.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 2 | Clemson | 44 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 16 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC**

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|---|---|---|
| No. 2 | Clemson | 30 |
| No. 3 | Notre Dame | 3 |

**CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL**

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| No. 1 | Alabama | 45 |
| No. 4 | Oklahoma | 34 |

"Our guys had the eye of the tiger. I'm so proud for our seniors, to be able to go out 15-0 and truly be the best ever. To beat Notre Dame and to beat Alabama; this team won 13 games by 20 points or more and were led by an amazing group of seniors. I'm just thankful to be a part of it."

**CLEMSON HEAD COACH DABO SWINNEY**

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
ATLANTA 2018

## JANUARY 8, 2018

**LOCATION**
Mercedes-Benz Stadium
Atlanta, Georgia

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Zac Brown Band

**ATTENDANCE**
**77,430**

**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**
**OFFENSE**
Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama

**DEFENSE**
Da'Ron Payne, Alabama

The first title-game matchup between teams from the same conference (the SEC) also turned out to be the first CFP National Championship to go to overtime.

The game was a tale of two halves. Georgia stormed ahead, 13-0, by shutting down Jalen Hurts and the Crimson Tide offense. So at halftime, Alabama coach Nick Saban turned to backup quarterback Tua Tagovailoa, and the true freshman put on quite a show. The lefty guided the Tide to 20 points in the second half, tying the game with 3:49 left. Tagovailoa got Alabama in position for the winning field goal as time expired, but the 36-yard kick sailed wide left.

Georgia won the coin toss and reclaimed the lead with a 51-yard field goal. A sack by the Bulldogs' defense left the Tide facing second-and-26, but Tagovailoa found fellow freshman receiver DeVonta Smith down the left sideline for 41 yards and the national championship-winning touchdown. Alabama won its second title of the CFP era, its fifth in nine years, and gave Saban the sixth crown of his career.

ESPN's broadcast of the game became the second-most viewed cable presentation of all-time, averaging 28.4 million viewers (only the inaugural CFP National Championship had more).

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 4 | Alabama | 26 |
| No. 3 | Georgia | 23 (OT) |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**

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| No. 4 | Alabama | 24 |
| No. 1 | Clemson | 6 |

**ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL**

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| No. 3 | Georgia | 54 |
| No. 2 | Oklahoma | 48 (2OT) |

"There's lots of highs and lows. Last year we lost on the last play of the game and this year we won on the last play of the game. These kids really responded the right way. We said last year, 'Don't waste the feeling.' They sure didn't, the way they played tonight."

**ALABAMA HEAD COACH NICK SABAN**

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
## TAMPA BAY 2017

## JANUARY 9, 2017

**LOCATION**
Raymond James Stadium
Tampa Bay, Florida

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Little Big Town

**ATTENDANCE**
**74,512**

**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**
**OFFENSE**
Deshaun Watson, Clemson

**DEFENSE**
Ben Boulware, Clemson

In college football's first-ever postseason rematch between teams ranked Nos. 1 and 2, Clemson and Alabama staged an epic sequel to the 2016 edition of the CFP title game.

Seeking a second straight national championship, the Crimson Tide jumped ahead, 14-0, and cruised into the fourth quarter leading 24-14. Then Tigers quarterback Deshaun Watson took over, guiding two long, quick touchdown drives. That gave Clemson its first lead of the game, 28-24, with 4:38 left. The fun was just beginning.

Alabama's true freshman quarterback, Jalen Hurts, responded with a 30-yard touchdown run to reclaim the lead. Trailing again, Watson took over with 2:01 left on his own 36-yard line. The final 20 seconds were filled with dramatic moments, capped by Watson throwing a two-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Renfrow with 0:01 left.

The Tigers claimed their first national title since 1981 while snapping Alabama's 26-game winning streak.

More than 26 million viewers watched on ESPN, the most-watched cable telecast since the CFP National Championship a year prior.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 2 | Clemson | 35 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 31 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL**

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| No. 1 | Alabama | 24 |
| No. 4 | Washington | 7 |

**PLAYSTATION FIESTA BOWL**

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| No. 2 | Clemson | 31 |
| No. 3 | Ohio State | 0 |

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
## ARIZONA 2016

## JANUARY 11, 2016

**LOCATION**
University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, Arizona

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Ciara

**ATTENDANCE**
**75,765**

**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**
**OFFENSE**
O.J. Howard, Alabama

**DEFENSE**
Eddie Jackson, Alabama

The highly anticipated showdown between two powerful teams somehow managed to exceed the hype. And it turned out to be the first act of the defining college football matchup of the decade.

The individual stars shined brightly. Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson, a Heisman Trophy finalist, compiled 478 total yards. Yet Alabama's Heisman Trophy winner, Derrick Henry, ran for 158 yards and three touchdowns. Tide tight end O.J. Howard caught five passes for 208 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The game ultimately was decided by two plays by Alabama's special teams in the fourth quarter. The first came right after the Tide tied the game at 24. They recovered a surprise onside kick and cashed in the extra possession with a 51-yard touchdown pass to Howard. Clemson answered with a field goal, then Alabama's Kenyan Drake returned the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for another touchdown.

The Crimson Tide claimed its first CFP National Championship in a classic contest between two formidable teams.

More than 26 million viewers watched on ESPN, eclipsing the inaugural CFP National Championship in 2015 as the most-watched cable telecast.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 2 | Alabama | 45 |
| No. 1 | Clemson | 40 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL**

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| No. 1 | Clemson | 37 |
| No. 4 | Oklahoma | 17 |

**GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC**

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| No. 2 | Alabama | 38 |
| No. 3 | Michigan State | 0 |

"I made the decision to do [the onside kick] because the score was [tied] and we were tired on defense. We weren't doing a great job of getting them stopped. I felt like if we didn't do something or take a chance to change the momentum of the game that we wouldn't have a chance to win."

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## JANUARY 12, 2015

**LOCATION**
AT&T Stadium
Arlington, Texas

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**
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**ATTENDANCE**
**85,689**

**PLAYERS OF THE GAME**

**OFFENSE**
Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State

**DEFENSE**
Tyvis Powell, Ohio State

AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, was the scene of the first College Football Playoff National Championship—and the culmination of a fairy-tale ending that would have left Cinderella high-fiving Snow White.

Cardale Jones ended spring practice as the No. 3 quarterback on the Ohio State depth chart. But when returning starter Braxton Miller got hurt before the season and J.T. Barrett got hurt in the regular-season finale, Jones was pressed into duty. His first college start came against Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship Game, and he led the Buckeyes to a 59-0 win. Then he guided the fourth-seeded Buckeyes past top-seeded Alabama, 42-35, in the College Football Playoff Semifinal. That sent Ohio State into the inaugural title game against second-seeded Oregon and its Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Marcus Mariota. The Ducks reached the CFP National Championship with a 59-20 victory over the reigning champs, Florida State.

The unheralded Jones outdueled Mariota, throwing for 242 yards and a touchdown, although the biggest star for Ohio State was the guy standing behind Jones in the backfield. Ezekiel Elliott ran for 246 yards and four touchdowns. So in the first year of the new format, the new College Football Playoff National Championship trophy was placed in the hands of a team that ended the regular season ranked fourth.

Broadcast on ESPN, the game had the largest audience in cable television history with 33.7 million.

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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| No. 4 | Ohio State | 42 |
| No. 2 | Oregon | 20 |

## PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS

**ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**

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|---|---|---|
| No. 4 | Ohio State | 42 |
| No. 1 | Alabama | 35 |

**ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL**

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| No. 2 | Oregon | 59 |
| No. 3 | Florida State | 20 |

"All the odds were stacked against us through the whole season, and for us to be national champs, it not only means a lot to me but our community, Buckeye Nation, and our hometowns."

**OHIO STATE QUARTERBACK CARDALE JONES**

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# RECOGNIZING GREATNESS

## EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS WEEK AND THE BIG DAY FOR TEACHERS CONTINUE TO GROW, CELEBRATING EDUCATORS NATIONWIDE

By Jean-Jacques Taylor

Lora Williams likes to say she was called to be a special education teacher much like a pastor was called to preach.

"I had the opportunity to be a peer tutor in high school and I think I was put exactly where I was supposed to be even as a high school student," said Williams, who has been named Knox (TN) County Schools Middle School Teacher of the Year multiple times.

"Working with students with disabilities has been a wonderful opportunity. I was a peer tutor in high school and I had a wonderful teacher.

"I loved the class and I knew as soon as I started peer tutoring I knew this is what I wanted to do."

Inspired by her high school teacher Charlene Davis, Williams isn't just making a difference in the classroom. She's affecting the community. Three of Williams' former peer tutors currently work as special education teachers.

*"Right now more than ever, teachers need recognition and support."*

"It's neat to see those folks interact with students," said Williams, who was part of a group honored by ESPN's College GameDay in Knoxville, Tennessee on Saturday, September 17.

"To see them grow and become successful teachers is a great feeling."

Williams was one of more than 15,000 teachers recognized nationally during the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's eighth annual Extra Yard for Teachers (EYFT) Week (September 17-24) and third annual Big Day for Teachers (September 20).

The week's events mobilized the college football community, which celebrated and honored educators in every state across the country. For the second consecutive year, participation in EYFT Week and the Big Day for Teachers more than doubled with more than 1,200 friends and partners of the CFP Foundation expressing gratitude to educators everywhere. The effort was literally coast-to-coast, as schools, bowl games, conferences and college football journalists showered teachers with appreciation for all they do.

Educators that are graduates of App State woke up early to enjoy a Teacher Appreciation donut breakfast and a special national recognition as part of the College Game Day broadcast.

"It's not about the accolades, but more that is reassuring that others know and express that what we do matters," said Kamil Simms, a Dallas teacher who was honored on the Big Day for Teachers by the Cotton Bowl Foundation and CFP Foundation.

Nationwide, more than $1.5 million was invested in teacher resources through donations of DonorsChoose gift cards and teacher grants.

For example, the CFP Foundation joined the SEC to fund projects for five elementary schools in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I am so thankful that the College Football Playoff Foundation and the SEC were able to invest in our DonorsChoose project, which will help our students in a great way," said Paige Dodd, a Birmingham teacher at Huffman Academy.

Up north, former Northern Illinois baseball student-athlete and now teacher Kam Smith was surprised by Mid-American Conference (MAC) Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher on the Big Day viz Zoom with $1,000 in DonorsChoose funds to go towards classroom resources.

"I can't thank the MAC and the CFP Foundation enough," Smith said. "I always teach my students to treat people right and do the right thing. I really appreciate the support towards all of the hard work to teach and mold these kids. It is so rewarding."

"Right now more than ever, teachers need recognition and support," said Britton Banowsky, executive director

On the Big Day for Teachers, many student-athletes also took time out of their busy schedules to visit and surprise teachers within the community.

of the CFP Foundation. "The number of teachers leaving the profession is at an all-time high and the number of new teachers coming into the profession is at an all-time low. Some of these communities can't even find teachers to staff our classrooms. So if you start with the premise that great teachers can make a difference in the lives of their students and are the number one factor in student achievement.

*"If you don't have a great teacher, you're not going to get that student achievement and then you're not going to have a great community and you won't have a workforce that's trained and educated. And so it really all starts with that teacher."*

Williams, who is in her 19th year of teaching, said the key to persisting and staying in the profession is learning to not let uncontrollable issues bother you.

"If it's your true passion and true calling, you just have to let some things go that you can't control and find that balance," said Williams. "It's easy to get overwhelmed."

The CFP Foundation and its EYFT program began with the inception of the College Football Playoff as a way to give back to local communities. The CFP's management committee knew that it wanted a philanthropic arm, something to make an impact beyond the national championship game and beyond the sport of football.

The management committee explored concepts for months until Jack Swarbrick, Notre Dame athletic director, made a profound statement during one early meeting. He told the group that he has three sisters and all of them are teachers. As they continued the discussion that day, every management committee member noted they had a parent, sibling or child who was a teacher.

And, after some research, it was determined that at the time there weren't any national philanthropy efforts in sports that focused on teachers. And since education is the reason that college football exists, it only made sense to align the CFP philanthropic efforts to focus on the teaching profession.

Ever since, the CFP Foundation and Extra Yard for Teachers initiative, which include EYFT Week and the Big Day for Teachers, continue to grow and make a significant impact to educators across the country. The CFP Foundation reminds all of us to recognize teachers year-round, but for one week in September, we can all go a little further. It only takes one teacher to make a difference.

Jean-Jacques Taylor, president of the JJT Media Group, is an award-winning journalist based in Dallas.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Compared to last year's EYFT Week, the CFP Foundation saw a 40 percent increase in social media mentions that recognized teachers.
- During EYFT Week, Dr Pepper and the CFP Foundation announced that it was expanding the Dr Pepper Go Teach Tuition Assistance Program (for student-athletes to pursue a career in teaching) to include Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) alongside each of the 10 FBS conferences and Notre Dame.
- Over 90 universities recognized teachers at college football games during EYFT Week, including USC, which honored the first 23 recipients of the Los Angeles Host Committee's "Champions Educate Here" grant program that celebrates educators who nurture the academic, mental health and social-emotional needs of students.
- For the second straight year, all 43 postseason bowl games surprised teachers across the country with DonorsChoose gift cards.
- ESPN included on-air segments celebrating teachers on its College GameDay shows and on the SEC and ACC Networks.
- ESPN talent also surprised teachers with DonorsChoose gift cards and expressions of gratitude on social media.

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Since then, the "Champions Educate Here" legacy programs have recognized, celebrated and awarded over $1.1 million in resources for educators–including K-12 teachers, physical education teachers and special education teachers, coaches, and after-school staff–who nurture the academic, mental health and social-emotional needs of students through sport, play and movement.

With school systems and teachers across the country profoundly impacted by the pandemic, Los Angeles is in need of more teachers, diverse teachers and support to keep current teachers engaged and motivated. Further, data suggests that co-curricular and afterschool activities support better attendance, student achievement and social emotional needs of students and provide support to teachers in the classroom. This kind of support for teachers is exactly what the College Football Playoff Foundation specializes in.

Educator recognition and grant programs were established that spotlight and celebrate teachers who go the "extra yard" for their students both inside and outside the classroom using sport, play and movement. Many of the educators receiving the grants were highlighted through a special video series providing exposure for their programs and sharing techniques to inspire fellow educators.

In addition to the grant programs, the College Football Playoff Foundation has expanded on long-term projects working directly with Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Inglewood Unified School Districts to provide additional grants and implement its Extra Yard for Teachers initiatives–which help to retain outstanding teachers and recruit future educators. Activities include over 10 Extra Yard Makeover Projects to upgrade media centers in those school districts, a series of A+ Teacher appreciation lunches, DonorsChoose funding for classroom projects, and unique teacher recognition celebrations based upon student and parent nominations.

Together with many national and local education partners, the CFP Foundation also offers professional development opportunities for educators to learn from each other and bring best practices into their classrooms, while also creating opportunities for more diversity within educational leadership roles. The CFP Foundation's annual Extra Yard for Teachers Summit, which took place on Saturday, January 7, 2023 as part of the national championship weekend, featured sessions for current educators as well as educators of tomorrow. Teachers can still register to participate in the on-demand sessions by visiting CFP-Foundation.org.

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## THE CFP FOUNDATION AND DR PEPPER HAVE EXPANDED THE ANNUAL GO TEACH TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE HBCUS

Focused on improving diversity in the teaching workforce, the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation and Dr Pepper have expanded the annual Go Teach Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway to include eligible student-athlete applicants from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) alongside the 10 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences and the University of Notre Dame.

The program will award nearly a half-million dollars in tuition grants to 150 students, each receiving $2,500 in financial aid. A $10,000 grand prize will also be awarded to 11 student-athletes whose applications and reasons for teaching stand out among all recipients.

In total, this year's grants will triple the number of student-athletes who will receive tuition grants from the program's inaugural year.

Each institution submitted nominations for the grants, and recipients of the awards were announced on the CFP Foundation's Big Day for Teachers (Tuesday, September 20) as part of its Extra Yard for Teachers Week festivities. The grand prize winners were announced in December during the week of conference football championship games. All honorees will be formally announced and celebrated in January leading to the 2023 CFP National Championship in Los Angeles.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), approximately 20 percent of U.S. educators are teachers of color, while students of color make up more than half of the overall population of all K-12 schools. NCES studies also suggest that students of all races benefit from being taught by educators of color because they bring distinctive knowledge, experience and role modeling to all students.

"The rebuilding of a national Black Teacher Pipeline takes thoughtful, deliberate investments," said Sherif El-Mekki of the Center for Black Educator Development. "We are grateful and excited to know that Dr Pepper and the College Football Playoff Foundation will award scholarship dollars to 18 HBCU college scholar-athletes committed to teaching and leading classrooms upon graduation. HBCUs have always played a critical role in developing Black teachers, honing the Black Teaching Traditions and promoting cultural proficiency. Today is no different, and each of these future HBCU graduates will positively impact hundreds of students."

Since its launch in 2020, the Go Teach Dr Pepper Tuition Giveaway has supported the CFP Foundation's effort to place qualified teachers in classrooms across the nation. Together, Dr Pepper and the CFP Foundation will award a total of $1.5 million over six years, providing the 10 FBS conferences (American, ACC, Big 12, Big Ten, Conference USA, MAC, Mountain West, Pac-12, SEC and Sun Belt), as well as Notre Dame and HBCUs, with resources that will support and recognize student-athletes who are pursuing careers in education.

"This has been an amazing program and we are grateful for the support from Dr Pepper," said Britton Banowsky, executive director of the CFP Foundation. "There is a shortage of teachers in America, and we've learned that student-athletes make great teachers. Providing financial supports will go a long way in ensuring they find their way to the classroom."

"The Dr Pepper community has a long history of supporting education through tuition programs and college sports," said John Alvarado, senior vice president of Dr Pepper brand marketing. "We are proud to partner with the CFP to help student-athletes of all backgrounds follow their dreams from the field into the classroom."

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# 2022 TEACHER OF THE YEAR EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY ECKRICH

For the fourth consecutive year, Eckrich has joined the College Football Playoff (CFP) Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers program, celebrating educators across the country for their honest work and tireless commitment to ensure their students have the tools to succeed. Throughout the season, fans had the opportunity to nominate their favorite educators to participate in the $1 Million Challenge. Selected teachers made attempts at a 15-yard throw for a chance to win a $1 million donation to support classroom resource projects. While no educators were successful in completely the throw through the target during this year's tour, each was surprised with a $2,500 donation to provide classroom resources.

*"We're excited to continue supporting CFP's Extra Yard for Teachers Foundation again this season," said Bethany Gurecki, senior brand manager for Eckrich at Smithfield Foods. "Since the beginning of our partnership, we have been honored to give back to dedicated educators and their communities to support and improve the classroom experience for students nationwide."*

To culminate the tour and the season, Eckrich sponsors the Teacher of the Year experience, where all 50 plus CCSSO State Teachers of the Year and the 2022 National Teacher of the Year are treated to all the festivities surrounding the national championship game in Los Angeles. And, to up the ante, Kirk Herbstreit, Emmy Award-winning ESPN/ABC college football analyst, and Marty Smith, multifaceted sports journalist for ESPN, will throw attempts prior to the 2023 CFP National Championship with one last chance to win another donation of $1 million to Extra Yard for Teachers on behalf of educators everywhere.

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Chartered by the state of Georgia in 1785, the University of Georgia is the birthplace of public higher education in America – launching our nation's great tradition of world-class public education. What began as a commitment to inspire the next generation grows stronger today through global research, hands-on learning and extensive outreach. A top value in public higher education and research, the University of Georgia tackles some of the world's grand challenges, from combating infectious disease and creating a dependable food supply to advancing economic growth and strengthening cyber and global security.

As Georgia's flagship institution, the university is recognized for its commitment to student excellence through an emphasis on rigorous learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom, including hands-on research and leadership opportunities. These experiences contribute to the university's exceptional rates in retention, graduation and career placement. Among public universities, the University of Georgia has been one of the nation's top three producers of Rhodes Scholars over the past two decades, and its honors program is ranked as one of the top 10 in the country. Senior Natalie Navarrete was named a 2023 Rhodes Scholar, making Georgia one of only three public universities in the United States, in addition to the nation's service academics, to have a Rhodes recipient.

**JERE W. MOREHEAD**
President

Georgia's workforce features nearly 11,000 people and the annual budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 was $1.79 billion. Georgia's R&D expenditures for FY 2021 was $493.9 million. Georgia ranks in the top five among universities in the United States for bringing new products to market. UGA has a $7.4 billion impact on the state of Georgia, and every Georgian is within 40 miles of a UGA resource.

The Class of 2026 is UGA's biggest and one of its most academically qualified with an average of nine Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual-enrollment courses. The class had an average high school Grade Point Average of 4.12, an average ACT score of 32 and an average SAT score of 1384. Of the students who graduated in the class of 2021, 92 percent were employed, attending graduate school, or engaged in post-grad internships within six months of graduation.

# ATHLETICS

**JOSH BROOKS**
J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics

The University of Georgia Athletic Association (UGAAA), under the direction of J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Josh Brooks, features 21 varsity sports and supported by a budget of $162.3 million. The Bulldogs have won 47 national championships, including 33 since 1999.

Our mission is to offer nationally competitive intercollegiate athletic programs which reflect the interests of our students and faculty, the Southeastern Conference, and the people of Georgia and of the nation who support our activities. These programs provide a worthwhile experience for our student-athletes by teaching them the basic principles of amateur competition, competitive integrity, fair play, and good sportsmanship.

The UGA Athletic Association is committed to the principle of providing equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities. These programs and this principle are a source of enthusiasm and loyalty; they enliven and enrich the life of our academic community; they keep our graduates in touch with the University long after they leave campus; they serve as a common rallying point for people of all ages and backgrounds; and they reinforce the University's commitment to diversity.

We seek to enhance the academic endeavors of the University, by helping through our success to attract both promising students and the assistance of private philanthropy, and by providing direct financial support.

Above all, we recognize that the University's obligation to the state of Georgia, and to the parents everywhere who send us their sons and daughters, is to provide our students with a level of quality education which leads to recognized academic achievement, contributing to their social development and preparing them for meaningful lives and careers. We are committed to the proposition that academic achievement is not and should not be a gift. Rather, it is a challenge that must be met by the individual students, as well as the University.

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# HEAD COACH

**KIRBY SMART**
Head Coach

A 2021 College Football Playoff national championship, a 2018 CFP title game appearance, 2017 and 2022 Southeastern Conference Championships, five SEC Eastern Division titles, 80 wins and seven bowl victories are more than respectable rewards with Kirby Smart in his seventh season. That's what Georgia got when it hired former Georgia player and Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart to head the program in December of 2015.

His impact, along with a stellar coaching staff, players, and a passionate fan base has put Georgia on the national stage. His 2021 team became UGA's first national champion since 1980, the first since 1982 to go undefeated in the SEC regular season, a No. 1 national ranking by all the major polls and the first ever to win 14 games. It marked the fifth straight team to finish the regular season ranked in the top ten of the College Football Playoff rankings. The team set 21 school records, highlighted by the nation's top-ranked defense. The third-ranked Bulldogs defeated #2 Michigan, 34-11, in the Capital One Orange Bowl in Miami and then No. 1 Alabama, 33-18, in the national championship game in Indianapolis. The 2021 senior class set the mark for most career wins by going 45-8, and then the 2022 senior class posted another perfect regular season and entered the CFP National Championship with a 48-5 record. Smart has been named SEC Coach of the Year (2017 and 2021) twice in a five-year span.

Georgia's championship season enjoyed a fitting exclamation mark at the 2022 NFL Draft. The Bulldogs set a Draft record with 15 players taken, including five defenders in the first round, led by the first overall selection, junior Travon Walker.

Smart officially came home to Georgia on Dec. 6, 2015, but he had unfinished business as defensive coordinator at Alabama, which was still chasing a national title. He juggled two jobs for a month until Jan. 11, 2016, when the Crimson Tide won its fourth national championship in a seven-year span. Twelve hours later, he was at work in Athens, where he remains one of nine head coaches at schools from Power 5 leagues that are coaching at their alma maters.

As a player, Smart was a four-year letterman at defensive back for Georgia, where he was a First-Team All-SEC pick as a senior. He finished his career with 13 interceptions. A four-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, Smart received his bachelor's degree in Finance from Georgia in 1998 and his master's in Physical Education from Florida State in 2003.

The Bainbridge, Ga., native is married to the former Mary Beth Lycett of McDonough, Ga. She was a four-year letterwinner and two-year starter, on the Georgia women's basketball team from 2000-03. They are the proud parents of twins Weston and Julia (born Feb. 8, 2008) and son Andrew (born May 25, 2012). Kirby and Mary Beth Smart also oversee the Kirby Smart Family Foundation, which is focused on being champions in the community by supporting needy children and families facing adversity.

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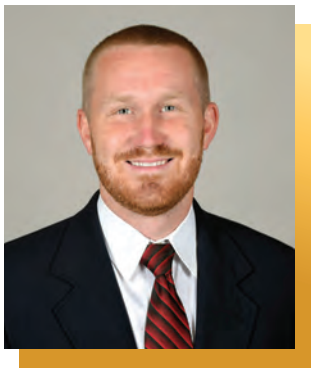

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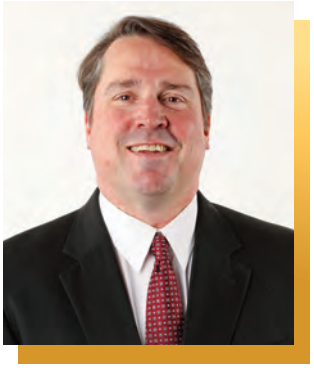

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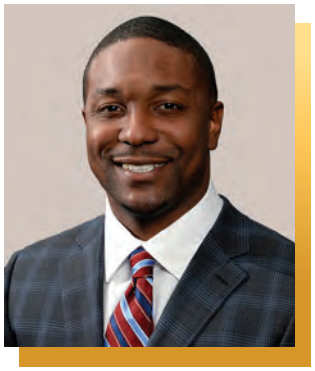

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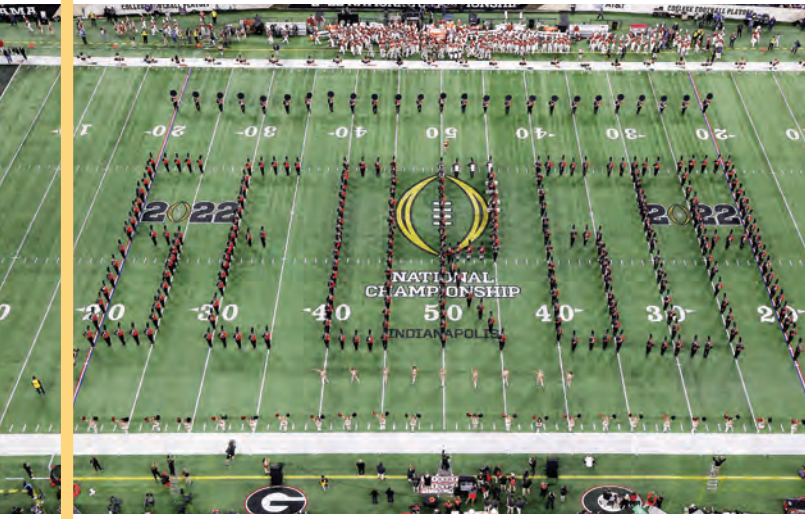
## BULLDOGS

On Nov. 3, 1920, Morgan Blake of the Atlanta Journal wrote a piece on school nicknames and stated, "The Georgia Bulldogs would sound good because there is a certain dignity about a bulldog, as well as ferocity." Following a scoreless tie with Virginia in Charlottesville on Nov. 6, 1920, Atlanta Constitution writer Cliff Cheatley used the name "Bulldogs" in his game story five times. The name has stuck ever since.

## UGA

In the last 100 years of intercollegiate football, Georgia's Uga has established himself as the nation's most well-known mascot. The line of pure white English bulldogs which epitomizes everything Georgia has been owned by the Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler family of Savannah, Georgia., since Uga I first graced the campus in 1956. The current Georgia mascot is Uga X or "Que" as he's called. He currently has a record of 89-18.




## GLORY, GLORY

Among Georgia's oldest and most-lasting traditions is the school fight song, "Glory, Glory" which is sung to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was sung at games as early as the 1890s. The University of Georgia Redcoat Band is considered by many to be the "heart" of the Bulldog spirit.

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ILB • SO.

10
**KEARIS JACKSON**
WR • SR.

11
**ARIAN SMITH**
WR • RSO.

11
**JALON WALKER**
ILB • FR.

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**JULIAN HUMPHREY**
DB • FR.

12
**BROCK VANDAGRIFF**
QB • RFR.

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QB • SR.

13
MYKEL WILLIAMS
DL • FR.

14
DAVID DANIEL-SISAVANH
DB • SO.

14
GUNNER STOCKTON
QB • FR.

15
CARSON BECK
QB • RSO.

15
TREZMEN MARSHALL
ILB • RSO.

16
C.J. MADDEN
OLB • FR.

16
JACKSON MUSCHAMP
QB • RSO.

17
DAN JACKSON
DB • JR.

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C.J. SMITH
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18
XAVIAN SOREY
ILB • RFR.

19
BROCK BOWERS
TE • SO.

19
DARRIS SMITH
OLB • FR.

20
SEVAUGHN CLARK
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JACOREY THOMAS
DB • FR.

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JAVON BULLARD
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RB • FR.

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WR • FR.

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TYKEE SMITH
DB • JR.

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WR • JR.

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DB • FR.

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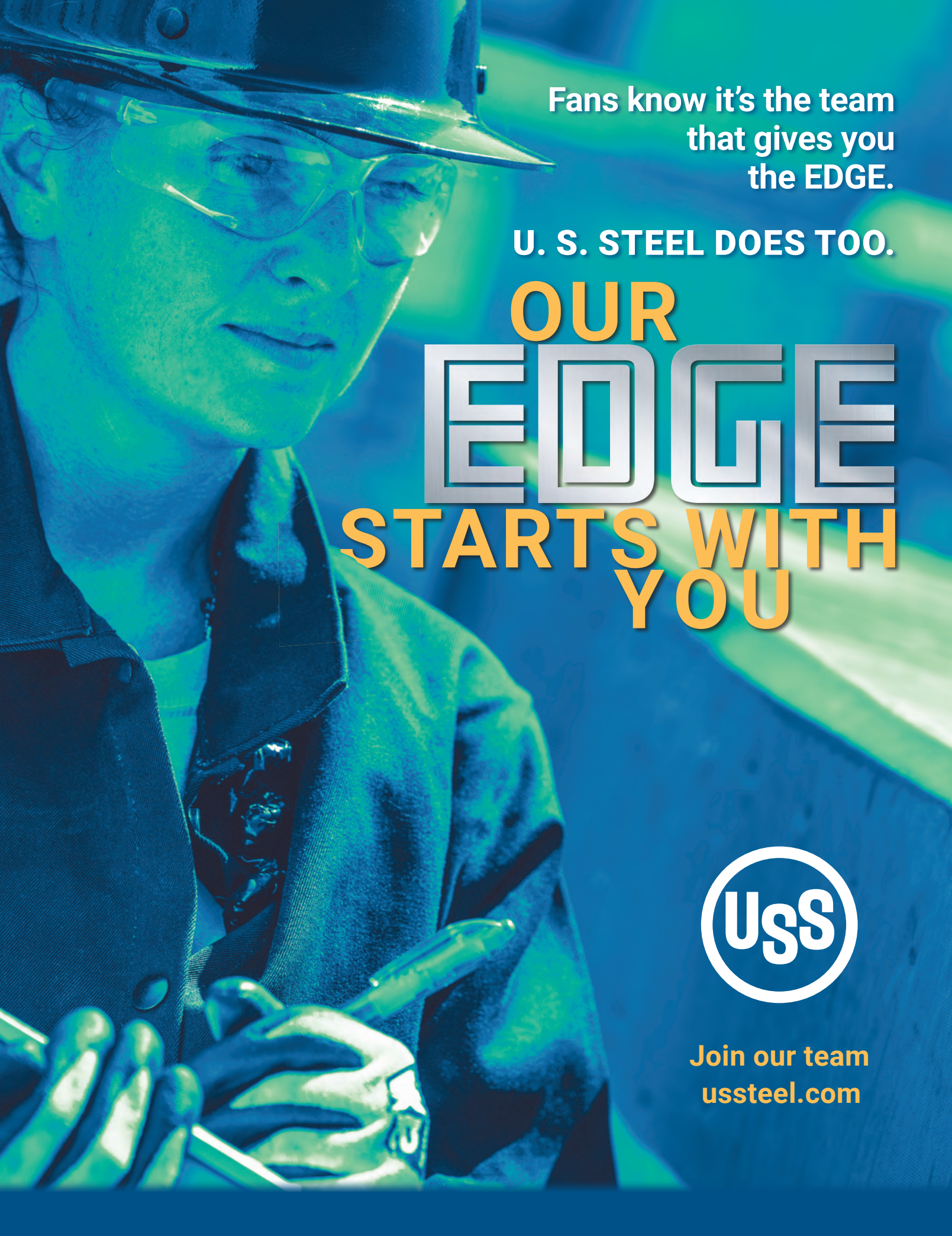
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RB • JR.

30
**TERRELL FOSTER**
ILB • FR.

31
**GRANT BRISCOE**
WR • SO.

32
**CHAZ CHAMBLISS**
OLB • SO.

32
**CASH JONES**
RB • RFR.

33
**ROBERT BEAL JR.**
OLB • SR.

35
**JACOB FLEMING**
S • FR.

36
**RANDON JERNIGAN**
WR • SR.

36
**COLBY SMITH**
DB • JR.

37
**DREW SOUTHERN**
DB • RFR.

38
**BROOKS BORTLE**
WR • FR.

38
**PATRICK TAYLOR**
DB • RSO.

39
**PARKER JONES**
WR • FR.

39
**MILES THORNTON**
WR • FR.

41
**DENTON SHAMBURGER**
DB • FR.

42
**GRAHAM COLLINS**
ILB • RSO.

43
**DAVIS DAY**
TE • SR.

44
**CADE BROCK**
TE • RSO.

45
**JACOB HARDIE**
RB • FR.

46
**PAYTON BOWLES**
DB • RSO.

46
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DB • FR.

50
WARREN ERICSON
OL • SR.

52
CHRISTEN MILLER
DL • FR.

53
DYLAN FAIRCHILD
OL • RFR.

55
JARED WILSON
OL • RFR.

56
MICAH MORRIS
OL • RFR.

56
WILLIAM MOTE
SN • JR.

57
LUKE COLLINS
OLB • RFR.

58
AUSTIN BLASKE
OL • RSO.

59
BRODERICK JONES
OL • RSO.

63
SEDRICK VAN PRAN
OL • RSO.

64
JACOB HOOD
OL • FR.

65
AMARIUS MIMS
OL • SO.

66
ALIOU BAH
OL • FR.

66
JONATHAN WASHBURN
SN • RFR.

68
CHRIS BROWN
OL • RSO.

69
TATE RATLEDGE
OL • RFR.

70
WARREN MCCLENDON
OL • JR.

71
EARNEST GREENE III
OL • FR.

72
GRIFFIN SCROGGS
OL • FR.

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XAVIER TRUSS
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**CHAD LINDBERG**
OL • RSO.

78
**NAZIR STACKHOUSE**
DL • JR.

79
**WESTON WALLACE**
DL • RSO.

80
**BRETT SEITHER**
TE • JR.

82
**LOGAN JOHNSON**
WR • RFR.

83
**COLE SPEER**
WR • FR.

84
**LADD MCCONKEY**
WR • RSO.

85
**DREW SHEEHAN**
TE • JR.

86
**DILLON BELL**
WR • FR.

87
**MEKHI MEWS**
WR • RFR.

88
**JALEN CARTER**
DL • JR.

88
**RYLAND GOEDE**
TE • JR.

89
**BRAXTON HICKS**
WR • RSO.

90
**TRAMEL WALTHOUR**
DL • SR.

92
**BRETT THORSON**
P • FR.

93
**TYRION INGRAM-DAWKINS**
DL • RFR.

94
**HENRY BATES**
P/PK • FR.

94
**JONATHAN JEFFERSON**
DL • RFR.

95
**SHONE WASHINGTON**
DL • FR.

96
**ZION LOGUE**
DL • JR.

96
**JACK PODLESNY**
PK • SR.

97
**WARREN BRINSON**
DL • JR.

97
**MATTHEW SUMLIN**
PK/P • RSO.

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| NO. | NAME | POS. | CL. | HT. | WT. | EX. | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 99 | Bear Alexander | DL | Fr. | 6-3 | 305 | HS | Denton, Texas (IMG Academy) |
| 66 | Aliou Bah | OL | Fr. | 6-5 | 330 | HS | Memphis, Tenn. (IMG Academy) |
| 94 | Henry Bates | P/PK | Fr. | 5-11 | 185 | HS | Waycross, Ga. (Ware County HS) |
| 33 | Robert Beal Jr. | OLB | Sr. | 6-4 | 250 | 4VL | Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge HS) |
| 15 | Carson Beck | QB | RSo. | 6-4 | 215 | 1VL | Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin HS) |
| 86 | Dillon Bell | WR | Fr. | 6-1 | 210 | HS | Houston, Texas (The Kinkaid School) |
| 29 | Luke Bennett | WR | Fr. | 6-0 | 190 | HS | Blackshear, Ga. (Pierce County HS) |
| 13 | Stetson Bennett | QB | Sr. | 5-11 | 190 | 3VL | Blackshear, Ga. (Jones Coll./Pierce Co. HS) |
| 58 | Austin Blaske | OL | RSo. | 6-5 | 310 | 1VL | Faulkville, Ga. (South Effingham HS) |
| 8 | Dominick Blaylock | WR | Jr. | 6-1 | 205 | 2VL | Marietta, Ga. (Walton HS) |
| 74 | Drew Bobo | OL | Fr. | 6-5 | 290 | HS | Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS) |
| 38 | Brooks Bortle | WR | Fr. | 6-1 | 193 | HS | Woodstock, Ga. (Milton HS) |
| 19 | Brock Bowers | TE | So. | 6-4 | 230 | 1VL | Napa, Calif. (Napa HS) |
| 97 | Warren Brinson | DL | Jr. | 6-4 | 305 | 2VL | Savannah, Ga. (IMG Academy) |
| 31 | Grant Briscoe | WR | So. | 6-3 | 195 | HS | Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton HS) |
| 44 | Cade Brock | TE | RSo. | 6-0 | 250 | SQ | Subligna, Ga. (Darlington HS) |
| 68 | Chris Brown | OL | RSo. | 6-5 | 315 | SQ | Savannah, Ga. (Islands HS) |
| 46 | Payton Bowles | DB | RSo. | 5-10 | 170 | SQ | Athens, Ga. (Athens Academy) |
| 22 | Javon Bullard | DB | So. | 5-11 | 180 | 1VL | Milledgeville, Ga. (Baldwin HS) |
| 88 | Jalen Carter | DL | Jr. | 6-3 | 300 | 2VL | Apopka, Fla. (Apopka HS) |
| 32 | Chaz Chambliss | OLB | So. | 6-2 | 250 | 1VL | Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton HS) |
| 20 | Sevaughn Clark | RB | Jr. | 6-1 | 215 | 1VL | Dawsonville, Ga. (Dawson County HS) |
| 42 | Graham Collins | ILB | RSo. | 6-2 | 215 | SQ | Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents Episcopal School) |
| 57 | Luke Collins | OLB | RFr. | 6-2 | 245 | SQ | Birmingham, Ala. (Birmingham Prep) |
| 14 | David Daniel-Sisavanh | DB | So. | 6-2 | 185 | 1VL | Woodstock, Ga. (Woodstock HS) |
| 48 | Joseph Daniels | DB | Gr. | 5-10 | 188 | TR | Johns Creek, Ga. (Indiana/Roswell HS) |
| 43 | Davis Day | TE | Sr. | 6-4 | 240 | HS | Hamilton, Ga. (Harris County HS) |
| 0 | Rian Davis | ILB | Jr. | 6-2 | 230 | 2VL | Apopka, Fla. (Wekiva HS) |
| 4 | Oscar Delp | TE | Fr. | 6-5 | 225 | HS | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth HS) |
| 26 | Collin Drake | QB | RFr. | 6-1 | 195 | SQ | Ennis, Texas (Ennis HS) |
| 10 | Jamon Dumas-Johnson | ILB | So. | 6-1 | 245 | 1VL | Hyattsville, Md. (St. Francis Academy) |
| 30 | Daijun Edwards | RB | Jr. | 5-10 | 201 | 2VL | Norman Park, Ga. (Colquitt County HS) |
| 50 | Warren Ericson | OL | Sr. | 6-4 | 305 | 3VL | Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS) |
| 6 | Daylen Everette | DB | Fr. | 6-1 | 190 | HS | Norfolk, Va. (IMG Academy) |
| 53 | Dylan Fairchild | OL | RFr. | 6-5 | 300 | SQ | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth HS) |
| 35 | Jacob Fleming | S | Fr. | 5-11 | 175 | HS | Atlanta, Ga. (Westminster School) |
| 30 | Terrell Foster | ILB | Fr. | 6-1 | 210 | HS | Kennesaw, Ga. (IMG Academy) |
| 88 | Ryland Goede | TE | Jr. | 6-6 | 240 | 1VL | Kennesaw, Ga. (Kennesaw Mountain HS) |
| 1 | Nyland Green | DB | RFr. | 6-1 | 185 | SQ | Covington, Ga. (Newton HS) |
| 71 | Earnest Greene III | OL | Fr. | 6-4 | 330 | HS | Los Angeles, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS) |
| 45 | Jacob Hardie | RB | Fr. | 5-8 | 190 | HS | Lansdowne, Va. (Kingston HS) |
| 89 | Braxton Hicks | WR | RSo. | 6-2 | 195 | SQ | Tiger, Ga. (Rabun County HS) |
| 64 | Jacob Hood | OL | Fr. | 6-8 | 350 | HS | Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro HS) |
| 12 | Julian Humphrey | DB | Fr. | 6-0 | 190 | HS | Webster, Texas (Clear Lake HS) |
| 93 | Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins | DL | RFr. | 6-5 | 300 | 1VL | Gaffney, S.C. (Gaffney HS) |
| 17 | Dan Jackson | DB | Jr. | 6-1 | 190 | 1VL | Gainesville, Ga. (North Hall HS) |
| 10 | Kearis Jackson | WR | Sr. | 6-0 | 200 | 3VL | Fort Valley, Ga. (Peach County HS) |
| 94 | Jonathan Jefferson | DL | RFr. | 6-3 | 295 | 1VL | Douglasville, Ga. (Douglas County HS) |
| 36 | Randon Jernigan | WR | Sr. | 6-0 | 183 | HS | Brunswick, Ga. (Glynn Academy) |
| 48 | Cooper Johnson | TE | Fr. | 6-4 | 230 | HS | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth HS) |
| 82 | Logan Johnson | WR | RFr. | 5-6 | 155 | SQ | Bogart, Ga. (Prince Ave. Christian School) |
| 76 | Miles Johnson | OL | RSo. | 6-5 | 320 | SQ | Blue Ridge, Ga. (Fannin Co. HS) |
| 49 | Samuel Johnson | TE | RSo. | 6-1 | 230 | HS | Lilburn, Ga. (Providence Christian Academy) |
| 59 | Broderick Jones | OL | RSo. | 6-4 | 310 | 2VL | Lithonia, Ga. (Lithonia HS) |
| 32 | Cash Jones | RB | RFr. | 6-0 | 182 | SQ | Brock, Texas (Brock HS) |
| 7 | Marvin Jones Jr. | OLB | Fr. | 6-5 | 250 | HS | Sunrise, Fla. (American Heritage HS) |
| 98 | Noah Jones | P | RFr. | 6-0 | 165 | SQ | Cairo, Ga. (Cairo HS) |
| 39 | Parker Jones | WR | Fr. | 5-11 | 180 | TR | Albany, Ga. (North Georgia/Deerfield-Windsor) |
| 3 | Kamari Lassiter | DB | So. | 6-0 | 180 | 1VL | Savannah, Ga. (American Christian Academy) |
| 25 | E.J. Lightsey | ILB | Fr. | 6-2 | 223 | HS | Fitzgerald, Ga. (Fitzgerald HS) |
| 78 | Chad Lindberg | OL | RSo. | 6-6 | 325 | 1VL | League City, Texas (Clear Creek HS) |
| 96 | Zion Logue | DL | Jr. | 6-5 | 295 | 2VL | Lebanon, Tenn. (Lebanon HS) |
| 16 | C.J. Madden | OLB | Fr. | 6-4 | 240 | HS | Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove HS) |
| 15 | Trezmen Marshall | ILB | RSo. | 6-1 | 230 | 3VL | Homerville, Ga. (Clinch County HS) |
| 70 | Warren McClendon | OL | Jr. | 6-4 | 300 | 2VL | Brunswick, Ga. (Brunswick HS) |
| 84 | Ladd McConkey | WR | RSo. | 6-0 | 185 | 1VL | Chatsworth, Ga. (North Murray HS) |
| 6 | Kenny McIntosh | RB | Sr. | 6-1 | 210 | 3VL | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (University School) |

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| NO. | NAME | POS. |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Rian Davis | ILB |
| 0 | Darnell Washington | TE |
| 1 | Nyland Green | DB |
| 1 | Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint | WR |
| 2 | Kendall Milton | RB |
| 2 | Smael Mondon | ILB |
| 3 | Kamari Lassiter | DB |
| 3 | Andrew Paul | RB |
| 4 | Oscar Delp | TE |
| 4 | Nolan Smith | OLB |
| 5 | Adonai Mitchell | WR |
| 5 | Kelee Ringo | DB |
| 6 | Daylen Everette | DB |
| 6 | Kenny McIntosh | RB |
| 7 | Marvin Jones Jr. | OLB |
| 8 | Dominick Blaylock | WR |
| 8 | MJ Sherman | OLB |
| 9 | Jackson Meeks | WR |
| 9 | Jaheim Singletary | DB |
| 10 | Jamon Dumas-Johnson | ILB |
| 10 | Kearis Jackson | WR |
| 11 | Arian Smith | WR |
| 11 | Jalon Walker | ILB |
| 12 | Julian Humphrey | DB |
| 12 | Brock Vandagriff | QB |
| 13 | Stetson Bennett | QB |
| 13 | Mykel Williams | DL |
| 14 | David Daniel-Sisavanh | DB |
| 14 | Gunner Stockton | QB |
| 15 | Carson Beck | QB |
| 15 | Trezmen Marshall | ILB |
| 16 | C.J. Madden | OLB |
| 16 | Jackson Muschamp | QB |
| 17 | Dan Jackson | DB |
| 18 | C.J. Smith | WR |
| 18 | Xavian Sorey | ILB |
| 19 | Brock Bowers | TE |
| 19 | Darris Smith | OLB |
| 20 | Sevaughn Clark | RB |
| 20 | JaCorey Thomas | DB |
| 22 | Javon Bullard | DB |
| 22 | Branson Robinson | RB |
| 23 | De'Nylon Morrissette | WR |
| 23 | Tykee Smith | DB |
| 24 | Nathan Priestley | WR |
| 24 | Malaki Starks | DB |
| 25 | E.J. Lightsey | ILB |
| 26 | Collin Drake | QB |
| 27 | C.J. Washington | ILB |
| 28 | Marcus Washington Jr. | DB |
| 29 | Luke Bennett | WR |
| 29 | Chris Smith | DB |
| 30 | Daijun Edwards | RB |
| 30 | Terrell Foster | ILB |
| 31 | Grant Briscoe | WR |
| 32 | Chaz Chambliss | OLB |
| 32 | Cash Jones | RB |
| 33 | Robert Beal Jr. | OLB |
| 35 | Jacob Fleming | S |
| 36 | Randon Jernigan | WR |
| 36 | Colby Smith | DB |
| 37 | Drew Southern | DB |
| 38 | Brooks Bortle | WR |
| 38 | Patrick Taylor | DB |
| 39 | Parker Jones | WR |
| 39 | Miles Thornton | WR |

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| NO. | NAME | POS. |
|---|---|---|
| 41 | Denton Shamburger | DB |
| 42 | Graham Collins | ILB |
| 43 | Davis Day | TE |
| 44 | Cade Brock | TE |
| 45 | Jacob Hardie | RB |
| 46 | Payton Bowles | DB |
| 46 | George Vining | WR |
| 47 | Payne Walker | SN |
| 48 | Joseph Daniels | DB |
| 48 | Cooper Johnson | TE |
| 49 | Samuel Johnson | TE |
| 49 | Jamier Moten | DB |
| 50 | Warren Ericson | OL |
| 52 | Christen Miller | DL |
| 53 | Dylan Fairchild | OL |
| 55 | Jared Wilson | OL |
| 56 | Micah Morris | OL |
| 56 | William Mote | SN |
| 57 | Luke Collins | OLB |
| 58 | Austin Blaske | OL |
| 59 | Broderick Jones | OL |
| 63 | Sedrick Van Pran | OL |
| 64 | Jacob Hood | OL |
| 65 | Amarius Mims | OL |
| 66 | Aliou Bah | OL |
| 66 | Jonathan Washburn | SN |
| 68 | Chris Brown | OL |
| 69 | Tate Ratledge | OL |
| 70 | Warren McClendon | OL |
| 71 | Earnest Greene III | OL |
| 72 | Griffin Scroggs | OL |
| 73 | Xavier Truss | OL |
| 74 | Drew Bobo | OL |
| 76 | Miles Johnson | OL |
| 77 | Devin Willock | OL |
| 78 | Chad Lindberg | OL |
| 78 | Nazir Stackhouse | DL |
| 79 | Weston Wallace | DL |
| 80 | Brett Seither | TE |
| 82 | Logan Johnson | WR |
| 83 | Cole Speer | WR |
| 84 | Ladd McConkey | WR |
| 85 | Drew Sheehan | TE |
| 86 | Dillon Bell | WR |
| 87 | Mekhi Mews | WR |
| 88 | Jalen Carter | DL |
| 88 | Ryland Goede | TE |
| 89 | Braxton Hicks | WR |
| 90 | Tramel Walthour | DL |
| 92 | Brett Thorson | P |
| 93 | Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins | DL |
| 94 | Henry Bates | P/PK |
| 94 | Jonathan Jefferson | DL |
| 95 | Shone Washington | DL |
| 96 | Zion Logue | DL |
| 96 | Jack Podlesny | PK |
| 97 | Warren Brinson | DL |
| 97 | Matthew Sumlin | PK/P |
| 98 | Noah Jones | P |
| 99 | Bear Alexander | DL |
| 99 | Jared Zirkel | PK |

| NO. | NAME | POS. | CL. | HT. | WT. | EX. | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | Jackson Meeks | WR | So. | 6-2 | 205 | 1VL | Phenix City, Ala. (Central HS) |
| 87 | Mekhi Mews | WR | RFr. | 5-8 | 170 | SQ | Grayson, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS) |
| 52 | Christen Miller | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 295 | HS | Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove HS) |
| 2 | Kendall Milton | RB | Jr. | 6-1 | 220 | 2VL | Fresno, Calif. (Buchanan HS) |
| 65 | Amarius Mims | OL | So. | 6-7 | 330 | 1VL | Cochran, Ga. (Bleckley County HS) |
| 5 | Adonai Mitchell | WR | So. | 6-4 | 190 | 1VL | Missouri City, Texas (Cane Ridge HS) |
| 2 | Smael Mondon | ILB | So. | 6-3 | 220 | 1VL | Dallas, Ga. (Paulding County HS) |
| 56 | Micah Morris | OL | RFr. | 6-6 | 330 | SQ | Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County HS) |
| 23 | De'Nylon Morrissette | WR | Fr. | 6-1 | 200 | HS | Stone Mountain, Ga. (North Cobb HS) |
| 56 | William Mote | SN | Jr. | 6-2 | 230 | 2VL | Hoover, Ala. (Spain Park HS) |
| 49 | Jamier Moten | DB | Fr. | 5-8 | 160 | HS | Charlotte, N.C. (Ardrey Kell HS) |
| 16 | Jackson Muschamp | QB | RSo. | 6-2 | 190 | SQ | Columbia, S.C. (Hammond School) |
| 3 | Andrew Paul | RB | Fr. | 5-11 | 218 | HS | Keller, Texas (Dallas Parish Episcopal) |
| 96 | Jack Podlesny | PK | Sr. | 6-1 | 180 | 2VL | St. Simons Island, Ga. (Glynn Academy) |
| 24 | Nathan Priestley | WR | Jr. | 6-4 | 205 | SQ | Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola HS) |
| 69 | Tate Ratledge | OL | RFr. | 6-6 | 315 | SQ | Rome, Ga. (Darlington School) |
| 5 | Kelee Ringo | DB | RSo. | 6-2 | 210 | 1VL | Tacoma, Wash. (Saguaro, Ariz., HS) |
| 22 | Branson Robinson | RB | Fr. | 5-10 | 220 | HS | Canton, Miss. (Germantown HS) |
| 1 | Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint | WR | Jr. | 6-2 | 195 | 2VL | Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas HS) |
| 72 | Griffin Scroggs | OL | Fr. | 6-3 | 315 | HS | Grayson, Ga. (Grayson HS) |
| 80 | Brett Seither | TE | Jr. | 6-5 | 228 | 2VL | Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater Cent. Cath.) |
| 41 | Denton Shamburger | DB | Fr. | 6-0 | 185 | HS | Atlanta, Ga. (Westminster School) |
| 85 | Drew Sheehan | TE | Jr. | 6-2 | 215 | SQ | Woodstock, Ga. (Kennesaw St./Woodstock HS) |
| 8 | MJ Sherman | OLB | Jr. | 6-2 | 235 | 2VL | Baltimore, Md. (St. John's College HS) |
| 9 | Jaheim Singletary | DB | Fr. | 6-1 | 175 | HS | Jacksonville, Fla. (Riverside HS) |
| 11 | Arian Smith | WR | RSo. | 6-0 | 185 | 2VL | Bradley, Fla. (Lakeland HS) |
| 29 | Chris Smith | DB | Sr. | 5-11 | 195 | 4VL | Atlanta, Ga. (Hapeville Charter HS) |
| 18 | C.J. Smith | WR | Fr. | 6-3 | 175 | HS | Apopka, Fla. (Mount Dora HS) |
| 36 | Colby Smith | DB | Jr. | 5-10 | 175 | TR | Danielsville, Ga. (Presbyterian College / Madison County HS) |
| 19 | Darris Smith | OLB | Fr. | 6-5 | 225 | HS | Baxley, Ga. (Appling County HS) |
| 4 | Nolan Smith | OLB | Sr. | 6-3 | 235 | 3VL | Savannah, Ga. (IMG Academy) |
| 23 | Tykee Smith | DB | Jr. | 5-10 | 198 | SQ | Philadelphia, Pa. (WVU/Imhotep Inst.) |
| 18 | Xavian Sorey | ILB | RFr. | 6-3 | 214 | 1VL | Campbellton, Fla. (IMG Academy) |
| 37 | Drew Southern | DB | RFr. | 5-11 | 180 | SQ | Cumming, Ga. (West Forsyth HS) |
| 83 | Cole Speer | WR | Fr. | 5-11 | 185 | HS | Calhoun, Ga. (Calhoun HS) |
| 78 | Nazir Stackhouse | DL | Jr. | 6-3 | 320 | 2VL | Stone Mountain, Ga. (Columbia HS) |
| 24 | Malaki Starks | DB | Fr. | 6-1 | 205 | HS | Jefferson, Ga. (Jefferson HS) |
| 14 | Gunner Stockton | QB | Fr. | 6-1 | 210 | HS | Tiger, Ga. (Rabun County HS) |
| 97 | Matthew Sumlin | PK/P | RSo. | 5-11 | 170 | SQ | Smyrna, Ga. (Whitefield Academy) |
| 38 | Patrick Taylor | DB | RSo. | 6-0 | 175 | SQ | Johns Creek, Ga. (Johns Creek HS) |
| 20 | JaCorey Thomas | DB | Fr. | 6-0 | 200 | HS | Jacksonville, Fla. (Boone HS) |
| 39 | Miles Thornton | WR | Fr. | 6-0 | 195 | HS | Tyrone, Ga. (Sandy Creek HS) |
| 92 | Brett Thorson | P | Fr. | 6-2 | 210 | HS | Melbourne, Australia (ProKick Australia) |
| 73 | Xavier Truss | OL | Jr. | 6-7 | 320 | 2VL | West Warwick, R.I. (Bishop Hendricken HS) |
| 12 | Brock Vandagriff | QB | RFr. | 6-3 | 205 | SQ | Bogart, Ga. (Prince Ave. Christian School) |
| 63 | Sedrick Van Pran | OL | RSo. | 6-4 | 310 | 2VL | New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton HS) |
| 46 | George Vining | WR | Jr. | 6-0 | 205 | SQ | Macon, Ga. (Tattnall Square Academy) |
| 11 | Jalon Walker | ILB | Fr. | 6-2 | 225 | HS | Salisbury, N.C. (Salisbury HS) |
| 47 | Payne Walker | SN | Sr. | 6-2 | 249 | 3VL | Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS) |
| 79 | Weston Wallace | DL | RSo. | 6-4 | 320 | SQ | Eatonton, Ga. (Gatewood School) |
| 90 | Tramel Walthour | DL | Sr. | 6-3 | 280 | 2VL | Hinesville, Ga. (Hutchinson CC/Liberty Co. HS) |
| 66 | Jonathan Washburn | SN | RFr. | 6-2 | 230 | SQ | Ringgold, Ga. (Heritage HS) |
| 27 | C.J. Washington | ILB | Fr. | 6-1 | 220 | HS | Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown HS) |
| 0 | Darnell Washington | TE | Jr. | 6-7 | 270 | 2VL | Las Vegas, Nev. (Desert Pines HS) |
| 28 | Marcus Washington Jr. | DB | Fr. | 6-1 | 185 | HS | Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS) |
| 95 | Shone Washington | DL | Fr. | 6-4 | 270 | HS | New Orleans, La. (Life of Christ) |
| 13 | Mykel Williams | DL | Fr. | 6-5 | 265 | HS | Columbus, Ga. (Hardaway HS) |
| 77 | Devin Willock | OL | RSo. | 6-7 | 335 | 1VL | New Milford, N.J. (Paramus Catholic HS) |
| 55 | Jared Wilson | OL | RFr. | 6-3 | 300 | 1VL | Winston-Salem, N.C. (West Forsyth HS) |
| 99 | Jared Zirkel | PK | RSo. | 6-3 | 185 | SQ | Kerrville, Texas (Tivy HS) |

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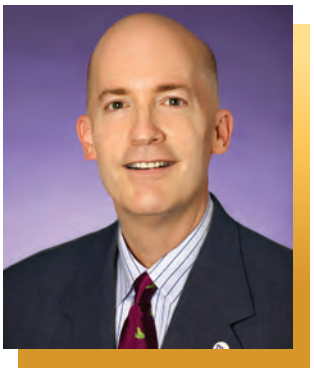

**VICTOR BOSCHINI**
President

Texas Christian University Horned Frogs thrive on the university's beautiful 302-acre campus nestled in a neighborhood just minutes from downtown Fort Worth, and located in DFW – the nation's fourth largest metro area. The most common feedback from students? They love the small school feel with big university energy, amenities and opportunities.

With an unrivaled academic and student experience, TCU students can catch Big 12 NCAA athletics and choose from more than 275 co-curricular organizations, ranging from student government and service groups to academic and cultural clubs.

The university's teacher-scholar model makes mentorship of students a top priority in addition to research, and 98 percent of faculty teach undergraduates. Teaching and promoting inclusion and belonging are key to the university's mission of creating global citizens.

Founded in 1873, Texas Christian University is a world-class, values-centered private university, comprised of nine schools and colleges. TCU's newest school, the innovative Anne Burnett Marion School of Medicine, is the first medical school in the nation to embed communication in the curriculum all four years, and it recently broke ground on a state-of-the-art medical education building in the heart of Fort Worth's medical district.

In 2023, TCU celebrates 150 years of empowering Horned Frogs to Lead On for the greater good through action and impact. Learn more about TCU's Sesquicentennial and legacy of creating leaders: 150.tcu.edu.

## BY THE NUMBERS:

117 areas of undergraduate study · 61 master's level programs · 39 areas of doctoral study · 12,273 total enrollment · 10,523 undergraduates · 1,750 graduate students · 13.6:1 student: faculty ratio · 699 full-time faculty · 88% percent faculty hold the highest degree in their discipline · 98,800+ living alumni

## RANKINGS:

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# ATHLETICS

The Fall 2022 semester defines the momentum in TCU's 22-sport athletics program.

TCU's proud football tradition includes a pair of national championships and a Heisman Trophy winner in Davey O'Brien. The 2022 team made its first College Football Playoff appearance while leading the nation with four individual award winners. In addition to finishing second for the Heisman Trophy, Max Duggan was the recipient of the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson won the Jim Thorpe Award, TCU's second recipient in the last three seasons. Head Coach Sonny Dykes was selected for numerous National Coach of the Year honors and Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach Garrett Riley was the winner of the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach.

**JEREMIAH DONATI**
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

The 2022 TCU's women's soccer team recorded its third straight top-10 final ranking, while volleyball reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. On the hardwood, TCU's men's basketball program has been in the national top 25 this season after an NCAA Tournament appearance last year.

Three TCU sports (equestrian, rifle and men's tennis) were ranked No. 1 in the nation over the past year with beach volleyball climbing as high as No. 2.

TCU's baseball program is the defending Big 12 champion and has made five College World Series appearances since 2010. Men's tennis also earned a Big 12 title in 2022 while capturing the ITA National Team Indoor Championship.

TCU has also made its mark in the coed sport of rifle. The Horned Frogs are the lone all-women's team to win the NCAA Championship and they've done it three times, most recently in 2019. Du Mapaya from men's track and field closed TCU's 2021-22 athletics season in style by winning the 2022 NCAA Outdoor Championship in the triple jump, his second national title.

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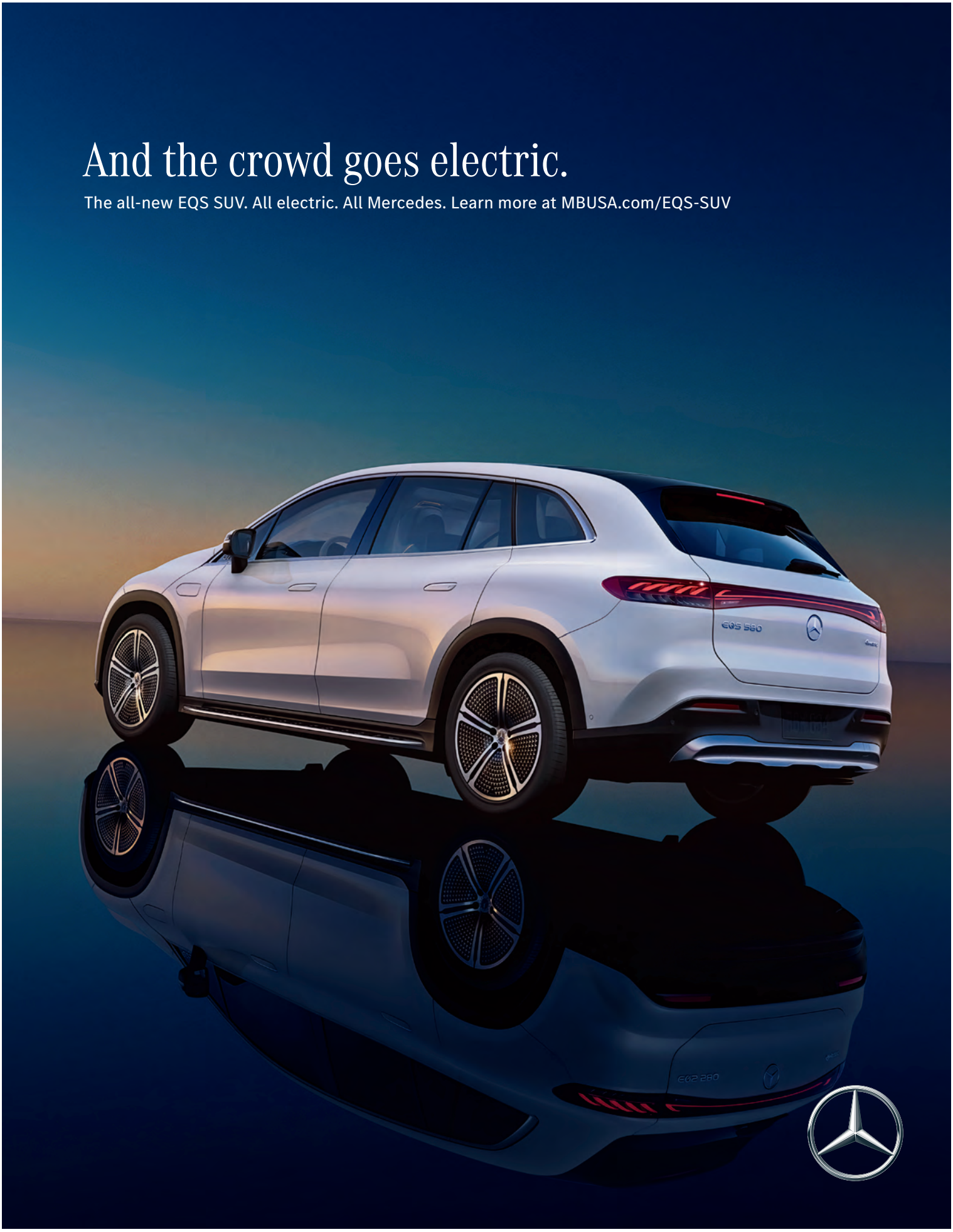
**Learn more about how TCU creates leaders in and on many fields.**

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# HEAD COACH

**SONNY DYKES**
Head Coach

Sonny Dykes was introduced as TCU's head football coach on Nov. 30, 2021.

In his first season at TCU, Dykes has led the Horned Frogs to their first College Football Playoff appearance. Picked to finish seventh in the Big 12, TCU was No. 3 in the final CFP rankings and just the second team to be in the CFP after starting the season unranked.

Dykes is only the third head coach in the CFP era to guide his team to the playoff in his first season at the helm. He has received multiple National Coach of the Year honors, including Walter Camp and Home Depot. The unanimous Big 12 Coach of the Year, Dykes became the first head football coach in TCU and Big 12 history to start 12-0 in his first season. He's just the fourth head coach nationally since 1996 to accomplish the feat.

TCU was the first Big 12 team to complete the regular season with a 12-0 record since Texas in 2009 and the first league member to go 9-0 in conference play since Oklahoma in 2016. TCU's five wins over ranked opponents ties for the national lead this season.

Dykes arrived at TCU after serving the previous four seasons as head coach at SMU, where he guided the Mustangs to three consecutive winning seasons for the first time since the mid-1980s.

Before SMU, Dykes served as an offensive analyst for TCU in 2017. He was instrumental in the Horned Frogs posting an 11-3 record, reaching the Big 12 Championship Game and finishing with a No. 9 national ranking after a 39-37 victory over Stanford in the Alamo Bowl.

Dykes also served as head football coach at Cal (2013-16) and Louisiana Tech (2010-12).

While at Cal, Dykes took a team from one win in 2013 to an 8-5 record two years later and a victory over Air Force at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl. He developed quarterback Jared Goff into the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 National Football League Draft.

Dykes came to Cal after spending three seasons as head coach at Louisiana Tech. After inheriting a LA Tech team that was 4-8 the year before his arrival, it took Dykes just two seasons to lead the Bulldogs to the 2011 WAC title.

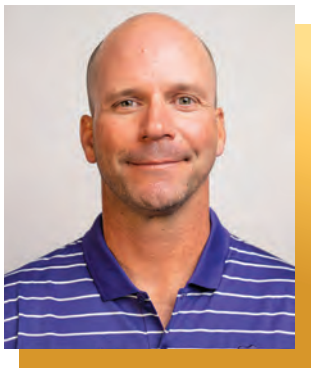
Prior to becoming a head coach, Dykes worked as an assistant in the Pac-12, Big 12 and SEC under Mike Stoops (Arizona), Mike Leach (Texas Tech) and Hal Mumme (Kentucky).

The son of legendary Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes, Sonny Dykes began his collegiate coaching career at Navarro College (1995-96) in Corsicana, Texas.

Born in Big Spring, Texas, Dykes received his bachelor's degree in history from Texas Tech in 1993 and was a member of the Red Raiders baseball team for two seasons. He and his wife, Kate, have two daughters, Ally and Charlie, and a son, Daniel.

# COACHING STAFF

**GARRETT RILEY**
Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterbacks Coach



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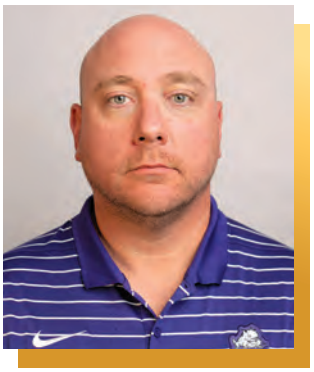

**A.J. RICKER**
Co-Offensive Coordinator/
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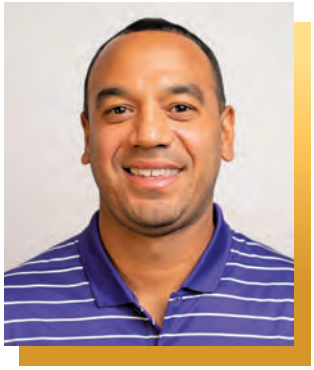
Cornerbacks Coach



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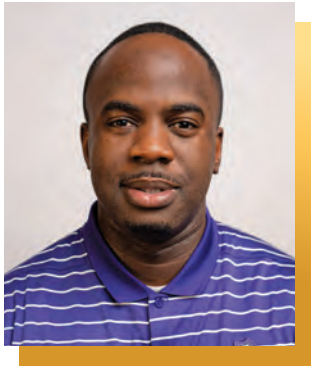
Safeties Coach



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Other school traditions include TCU's school colors, Purple and White. The former represents royalty, the latter a clean game. Swaying while singing the alma mater is a must. So is learning how to do the Horned Frogs hand sign. New students may not have any idea what Riff, Ram, Bah Zoo means now, but they'll soon discover that it's one of the oldest cheers in the country.

## TCU SPIRIT

TCU Cheerleaders support Horned Frogs athletic programs by appearing at volleyball, men's and women's basketball and football games. The cheer squads also facilitate pep rallies and special appearances, including community service activities, alumni events, civic events and charitable events in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

The TCU Showgirls are a nationally acclaimed dance team that supports TCU Athletics. They have extensive dance training and backgrounds and an entertaining performance style similar to that of professional sports dance teams.

## TCU HORNED FROG MARCHING BAND

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S • JR-TR

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LB • JR-2L

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**CHASE JACKSON**
WR • FR-RS

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**JORDAN HUDSON**
WR • FR-HS

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**D'ARCO PERKINS-MCALLISTER**
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**EMANI BAILEY**
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**MARCEL BROOKS**
LB • SR-2L

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**JOSH HOOVER**
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**TERRENCE COOKS JR.**
LB • FR-TR

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**GEOR'QUARIUS SPIVEY**
TE • SR-1L

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**LUKE PARDEE**
QB • SO-SQ

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**DEE WINTERS**
LB • SR-3L

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**DJ ALLEN**
WR • FR-HS

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**ABE CAMARA**
S • JR-1L

# TCU HORNED FROGS

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QB • SR-3L

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**JOSH FOSTER**
S • SR-3L

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QB • FR-RS

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**TRENT BATTLE**
RB • FR-RS

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Anderson is one of our many dreamers across the nation that, despite the challenges of a life-altering condition, is still living out his dreams! This 17-year-old from SC is a VIP guest this weekend at the NCAA Championship. Share your messages of kindness and support with Anderson as you follow his experience on social media!

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# TCU HORNED FROGS

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | YR/EL. | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | Brant Ahlfinger | RB | 5-10 | 216 | FR-HS | Fort Worth, Texas (All Saints Episcopal) |
| 23 | Trevor Ailey | RB | 5-11 | 192 | JR-SQ | Cushing, Okla. (Cushing)/Oklahoma State |
| 56 | Alan Ali | OL | 6-5 | 300 | SR-TR | Fort Worth, Texas (Timber Creek)/SMU |
| 14 | DJ Allen | WR | 5-11 | 195 | FR-HS | Gladewater, Texas (Gladewater) |
| 89 | Stayton Ankrom | WR | 6-2 | 205 | SO-TR | San Antonio, Texas (Reagan)/Incarnate Word |
| 33 | Thomas Armstrong | LB | 6-3 | 235 | JR-2L | Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory) |
| 79 | Steve Avila | OL | 6-4 | 330 | SR-3L | Arlington, Texas (South Grand Prairie) |
| 9 | Emani Bailey | RB | 5-9 | 200 | JR-TR | Denton, Texas (Ryan)/Louisiana |
| 43 | Blake Baldwin | LB | 6-0 | 225 | FR-RS | Clovis, Calif. (Clovis East) |
| 19 | Shadrach Banks | LB | 6-1 | 250 | SO-1L | Houston, Texas (North Shore)/Texas A&M |
| 4 | Taye Barber | WR | 5-10 | 190 | SR-4L | Cypress, Texas (Cypress Springs) |
| 58 | Altrique Barlow | OL | 6-5 | 360 | SO-1L | Virginia Beach, Va. (Catholic) |
| 17 | Trent Battle | RB | 6-1 | 205 | FR-RS | Daphne, Ala. (Daphne) |
| 10 | Chace Biddle | S | 6-0 | 190 | FR-HS | Garland, Texas (Garland) |
| 97 | Easton Black | PK/P | 6-3 | 200 | FR-HS | Peoria, Ariz. (Sunrise Mountain) |
| 50 | Doug Blue-Eli | DL | 6-2 | 320 | SO-TR | Paulsboro, N.J. (Paulsboro)/Monroe CC |
| 66 | Noah Bolticoff | OL | 6-5 | 308 | FR-RS | Rose Hill, Kan. (Rose Hill) |
| 47 | Jake Boozer | LB | 6-2 | 232 | FR-RS | Waco, Texas (Bishop Reicher) |
| 28 | Millard Bradford | S | 5-11 | 190 | SR-3L | Helotes, Texas (O'Connor)/Fork Union Military Academy |
| 9 | Marcel Brooks | LB | 6-2 | 210 | SR-2L | Fort Worth, Texas (Marcus)/LSU |
| 75 | Brannon Brown | OL | 6-5 | 329 | JR-SQ | San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor) |
| 88 | Quincy Brown | WR | 6-4 | 210 | SO-1L | St. Rose, La. (Destrehan) |
| 18 | Ish Burdine | CB | 6-1 | 200 | JR-TR | Slidell, La. (Slidell)/Missouri |
| 14 | Abe Camara | S | 6-0 | 190 | JR-1L | Alpharetta, Ga. (West Forsyth)/Coffeyville CC |
| 22 | Kyron Chambers | CB | 6-0 | 195 | FR-HS | Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff) |
| 20 | Christopher Chosen | WR | 6-0 | 180 | SO-SQ | Houston, Texas (George Ranch) |
| 26 | Bud Clark | S | 6-2 | 190 | SO-1L | Alexandria, La. (Alexandria) |
| 85 | Parker Clark | WR | 6-1 | 190 | FR-HS | Fort Worth, Texas (All Saints Episcopal) |
| 74 | Andrew Coker | OL | 6-7 | 315 | JR-2L | Katy, Texas (James E. Taylor) |
| 77 | Brandon Coleman | OL | 6-6 | 325 | JR-2L | Denton, Texas (Denton)/Trinity Valley CC |
| 0 | Blair Conwright | WR | 6-0 | 190 | JR-2L | Lubbock, Texas (Coronado) |
| 12 | Terrence Cooks Jr. | LB | 6-2 | 218 | FR-TR | Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek)/Texas |
| 95 | Terrell Cooper | DL | 6-2 | 280 | SR-4L | Lindale, Texas (Lindale) |
| 29 | Marvin Covington | CB | 5-11 | 195 | FR-RS | Mansfield, Texas (Lake Ridge) |
| 46 | Daveion Crawford | S | 5-11 | 204 | JR-SQ | La Porte, Texas (La Porte)/Ellsworth Community College |
| 83 | Keagan Cunningham | WR | 6-2 | 179 | FR-HS | Denton, Texas (Ryan) |
| 81 | Chase Curtis | WR | 6-5 | 230 | JR-1L | Pittsburg, Kan. (Pittsburg)/Neosho County CC |
| 21 | Noah Daniels | CB | 6-0 | 210 | SR-3L | League City, Texas (Clear Creek) |
| 11 | Derius Davis | WR | 5-9 | 162 | SR-4L | Saint Francisville, La. (West Feliciana) |
| 3 | Emari Demercado | RB | 5-11 | 210 | SR-3L | Inglewood, Calif. (Downey)Saddleback College |
| 70 | Kris Dike | OL | 6-6 | 305 | SR-SQ | Van, Texas (Van) |
| 84 | Dominic DiNunzio | TE | 6-4 | 245 | JR-1L | Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius) |
| 35 | Colton Dobson | WR | 5-11 | 170 | FR-RS | Nolensville, Tenn. (Nolensville) |
| 92 | Luke Dodds | DL | 6-4 | 242 | FR-RS | Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock) |
| 52 | Ezra Dotson-Oyetade | OL | 6-3 | 285 | FR-TR | Garland, Texas (Lakeview Centennial)/Arizona State |
| 15 | Max Duggan | QB | 6-2 | 210 | SR-3L | Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central) |
| 93 | George Ellis III | DL | 6-2 | 290 | SR-3L | Miami, Fla. (American Heritage) |
| 44 | Colt Ellison | DL | 6-4 | 260 | SR-3L | Aledo, Texas (Aledo) |
| 40 | Franklin Estrada | RB | 5-11 | 188 | FR-RS | Carrollton, Texas (Hebron) |
| 22 | Major Everhart | WR | 5-11 | 180 | FR-HS | Amarillo, Texas (Tascosa) |
| 15 | Josh Foster | S | 6-2 | 200 | SR-3L | Newton, Texas (Newton) |
| 90 | Caleb Fox | DL | 6-3 | 295 | JR-TR | The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands)/Stephen F. Austin |
| 98 | Logan Frederic | LS | 6-3 | 190 | FR-HS | Littleton, Colo. (Heritage) |
| 69 | Gannon Gaubert | OL | 6-1 | 296 | FR-HS | Dallas, Texas (Highland Park) |
| 54 | Quinton Harris | OL | 6-8 | 300 | FR-HS | Arlington, Texas (Seguin) |
| 78 | Wes Harris | OL | 6-4 | 315 | SR-4L | Aledo, Texas (Aledo) |
| 25 | Wyatt Harris | LB | 6-3 | 235 | SR-3L | Aledo, Texas (Aledo) |
| 76 | Garrett Hayes | OL | 6-5 | 320 | SO-1L | Athens, Texas (Athens) |
| 27 | Gunnar Henderson | WR | 5-9 | 180 | SR-1L | McAllen, Texas (McAllen)/Incarnate Word |
| 6 | Jamoi Hodge | LB | 6-2 | 245 | JR-2L | Winston-Salem, N.C. (Reynolds)/Independence CC |
| 57 | Johnny Hodges | LB | 6-2 | 240 | JR-TR | Darnestown, Md. (Quince Orchard)/Navy |
| 1 | Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson | CB | 5-9 | 180 | SR-3L | Waco, Texas (Midway) |
| 82 | Alex Honig | TE | 6-6 | 265 | FR-RS | Bavaria, Germany (Schwabisch Hall Unicorns) |
| 10 | Josh Hoover | QB | 6-1 | 205 | FR-HS | Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall-Heath) |
| 98 | Dylan Horton | DL | 6-4 | 275 | SR-2L | Frisco, Texas (Frisco)/New Mexico |
| 7 | Jordan Hudson | WR | 6-1 | 190 | FR-HS | Garland, Texas (Garland) |
| 94 | Micheal Ibukun-Okeyode | DL | 6-6 | 250 | FR-HS | Rowlett, Texas (Rowlett) |

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME | POS. |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | Blair Conwright | WR |
| 0 | Landyn Watson | DL |
| 1 | Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson | CB |
| 1 | Quentin Johnston | WR |
| 2 | Chandler Morris | QB |
| 2 | Kee'yon Stewart | CB |
| 3 | Emari Demercado | RB |
| 3 | Mark Perry | S |
| 4 | Taye Barber | WR |
| 4 | Namdi Obiazor | S |
| 6 | Jamoi Hodge | LB |
| 6 | Chase Jackson | WR |
| 7 | Jordan Hudson | WR |
| 7 | D'Arco Perkins-McAllister | S |
| 9 | Emani Bailey | RB |
| 9 | Marcel Brooks | LB |
| 10 | Chace Biddle | S |
| 10 | Josh Hoover | QB |
| 11 | Derius Davis | WR |
| 12 | Terrence Cooks Jr. | LB |
| 12 | Geor'Quarius Spivey | TE |
| 13 | Luke Pardee | QB |
| 13 | Dee Winters | LB |
| 14 | DJ Allen | WR |
| 14 | Abe Camara | S |
| 15 | Max Duggan | QB |
| 15 | Josh Foster | S |
| 16 | Sam Jackson | QB |
| 17 | Trent Battle | RB |
| 17 | Deshawn McCuin | S |
| 18 | Ish Burdine | CB |
| 18 | Savion Williams | WR |
| 19 | Shadrach Banks | LB |
| 19 | Jared Wiley | TE |
| 20 | Christopher Chosen | WR |
| 20 | Ronald Lewis | CB |
| 21 | Noah Daniels | CB |
| 21 | Corey Wren | RB |
| 22 | Kyron Chambers | CB |
| 22 | Major Everhart | WR |
| 23 | Trevor Ailey | RB |
| 23 | Keontae Jenkins | CB |
| 24 | Brant Ahlfinger | RB |
| 24 | Josh Newton | CB |
| 25 | Wyatt Harris | LB |
| 25 | James Koshakji | PK |
| 26 | Bud Clark | S |
| 27 | Gunnar Henderson | WR |
| 27 | Jaionte McMillan | CB |
| 28 | Millard Bradford | S |
| 29 | Marvin Covington | CB |
| 29 | Jacob Porter | QB |
| 30 | Drew Scott | WR |
| 31 | Jordy Sandy | P |
| 32 | Christian MacDonald | WR |
| 32 | Kevin Ward | S |
| 33 | Thomas Armstrong | LB |
| 33 | Kendre Miller | RB |
| 34 | Zach Marcheselli | LB |
| 35 | Colton Dobson | WR |
| 36 | Joe Laterza | LS |
| 36 | Ryan Quintanar | LB |
| 37 | Palmer Nix | LB |
| 38 | Jack Stein | LS |
| 39 | Griffin Kell | PK |
| 39 | Matthew Kerr | LB |

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|---|---|---|
| 40 | Franklin Estrada | RB |
| 41 | Hunter Krepp | WR |
| 41 | TJ Willson | LB |
| 42 | Brent Matiscik | TE |
| 43 | Blake Baldwin | LB |
| 43 | Joe Staubach | WR |
| 44 | Colt Ellison | DL |
| 44 | Ben Reppenhagen | TE |
| 46 | Daveion Crawford | S |
| 47 | Jake Boozer | LB |
| 47 | Carter Ware | TE |
| 48 | Zimbalist Odhams III | CB |
| 49 | Connor Lingren | DL |
| 49 | Austin Scheets | TE |
| 50 | Doug Blue-Eli | DL |
| 51 | Luke Lingard | LB |
| 52 | Ezra Dotson-Oyetade | OL |
| 52 | Damonic Williams | DL |
| 53 | John Lanz | OL |
| 54 | Quinton Harris | OL |
| 54 | Luke Splaine | LB |
| 55 | Robby Rochester | OL |
| 56 | Alan Ali | OL |
| 57 | Johnny Hodges | LB |
| 58 | Altrique Barlow | OL |
| 59 | Blake Jones | DL |
| 61 | Riley Self | OL |
| 66 | Noah Bolticoff | OL |
| 67 | Hudson White | OL |
| 68 | Michael Nichols | OL |
| 69 | Gannon Gaubert | OL |
| 70 | Kris Dike | OL |
| 71 | Marcus Williams | OL |
| 72 | Jasper Lott | OL |
| 74 | Andrew Coker | OL |
| 75 | Brannon Brown | OL |
| 76 | Garrett Hayes | OL |
| 77 | Brandon Coleman | OL |
| 78 | Wes Harris | OL |
| 79 | Steve Avila | OL |
| 80 | D'Andre Rodgers | TE |
| 81 | Chase Curtis | WR |
| 82 | Alex Honig | TE |
| 83 | Keagan Cunningham | WR |
| 84 | Dominic DiNunzio | TE |
| 85 | Parker Clark | WR |
| 86 | Curtis Raymond III | TE |
| 87 | Blake Nowell | WR |
| 88 | Quincy Brown | WR |
| 89 | Stayton Ankrom | WR |
| 90 | Caleb Fox | DL |
| 91 | Tymon Mitchell | DL |
| 92 | Luke Dodds | DL |
| 93 | George Ellis III | DL |
| 94 | Micheal Ibukun-Okeyode | DL |
| 95 | Terrell Cooper | DL |
| 96 | Lwal Uguak | DL |
| 97 | Easton Black | PK/P |
| 97 | Paul Oyewale | DL |
| 98 | Logan Frederic | LS |
| 98 | Dylan Horton | DL |
| 99 | Luke Laminack | PK |
| 99 | Soni Misi | DL |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Chase Jackson | WR | 6-2 | 180 | FR-RS | Choctaw, Okla. (Choctaw) |
| 16 | Sam Jackson | QB | 5-11 | 185 | FR-RS | Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central) |
| 23 | Keontae Jenkins | CB | 5-10 | 180 | JR-2L | South Norfolk, Va. (Frank W. Cox) |
| 1 | Quentin Johnston | WR | 6-4 | 215 | JR-2L | Temple, Texas (Temple) |
| 59 | Blake Jones | DL | 6-2 | 240 | FR-HS | Brenham, Texas (Brenham) |
| 39 | Griffin Kell | PK | 6-0 | 193 | SR-3L | Arlington, Texas (Arlington) |
| 39 | Matthew Kerr | LB | 6-4 | 210 | FR-RS | Mason, Texas (Mason) |
| 25 | James Koshakji | PK | 5-8 | 170 | JR-SQ | Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas) |
| 41 | Hunter Krepp | WR | 6-1 | 170 | FR-HS | Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas) |
| 99 | Luke Laminack | PK | 5-11 | 173 | FR-HS | Amarillo, Texas (Amarillo) |
| 53 | John Lanz | OL | 6-4 | 320 | SR-2L | Argyle, Texas (Guyer) |
| 36 | Joe Laterza | LS | 6-5 | 206 | FR-RS | Arlington Heights, Ill. (Saint Viator) |
| 20 | Ronald Lewis | CB | 6-1 | 175 | FR-HS | New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton) |
| 51 | Luke Lingard | LB | 6-1 | 216 | FR-RS | Colleyville, Texas (Colleyville Heritage) |
| 49 | Connor Lingren | DL | 6-5 | 305 | FR-HS | College Station, Texas (College Station) |
| 72 | Jasper Lott | OL | 6-5 | 290 | FR-RS | Argyle, Texas (Argyle) |
| 32 | Christian MacDonald | WR | 6-1 | 198 | SO-SQ | Hopkinton, Mass. (Hopkinton) |
| 34 | Zach Marcheselli | LB | 6-2 | 219 | JR-2L | Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow) |
| 42 | Brent Matiscik | TE | 6-2 | 235 | JR-2L | McKinney, Texas (McKinney Boyd) |
| 17 | Deshawn McCuin | S | 6-0 | 195 | JR-1L | Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville) |
| 27 | Jaionte McMillan | CB | 5-11 | 185 | JR-1L | Atlanta, Ga. (Rockdale County) |
| 33 | Kendre Miller | RB | 6-0 | 220 | JR-2L | Mount Enterprise, Texas (Mount Enterprise) |
| 99 | Soni Misi | DL | 6-2 | 320 | SR-2L | Rohnert Park, Calif. (Rancho Cotate)/Santa Rosa JC |
| 91 | Tymon Mitchell | DL | 6-3 | 315 | JR-TR | Nashville, Tenn. (Franklin Road)/Georgia |
| 2 | Chandler Morris | QB | 6-0 | 195 | FR-RS | Highland Park, Texas (Highland Park)/Oklahoma |
| 24 | Josh Newton | CB | 6-0 | 195 | JR-TR | Monroe, La. (Ouachita Parish)/ULM |
| 68 | Michael Nichols | OL | 6-5 | 301 | SO-1L | Justin, Texas (Northwest) |
| 37 | Palmer Nix | LB | 6-1 | 237 | SR-TR | Heath, Texas (Dallas Christian)/Georgetown |
| 87 | Blake Nowell | WR | 6-4 | 205 | SO-1L | Ardmore, Okla. (Plainview) |
| 4 | Namdi Obiazor | S | 6-3 | 210 | JR-TR | Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie)/Iowa Western CC |
| 48 | Zimbalist Odhams III | CB | 5-9 | 165 | SO-SQ | Mansfield, Texas (Lake Ridge)/Southwestern Oklahoma State |
| 97 | Paul Oyewale | DL | 6-4 | 260 | FR-HS | Houston, Texas (Langham Creek) |
| 13 | Luke Pardee | QB | 6-1 | 190 | SO-SQ | Houston, Texas (Klein Cain) |
| 7 | D'Arco Perkins-McAllister | S | 6-1 | 190 | SO-1L | Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford Comprehensive) |
| 3 | Mark Perry | S | 6-0 | 215 | JR-TR | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Rancho Cucamonga)/Colorado |
| 29 | Jacob Porter | QB | 6-2 | 176 | FR-HS | Fort Worth, Texas (Timber Creek) |
| 36 | Ryan Quintanar | LB | 6-0 | 218 | FR-RS | Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola) |
| 86 | Curtis Raymond III | TE | 6-4 | 208 | SR/TR | Dripping Springs, Texas (Dripping Springs)/Cornell |
| 44 | Ben Reppenhagen | TE | 6-3 | 247 | SO-SQ | Edina, Minn. (Saint Thomas Academy |
| 55 | Robby Rochester | OL | 6-5 | 290 | SO-TR | Southlake, Texas (Carroll)/UConn |
| 80 | D'Andre Rodgers | TE | 6-4 | 240 | FR-RS | Sammamish, Wash. (Eastside Catholic) |
| 31 | Jordy Sandy | P | 6-3 | 218 | SR-3L | Traralgon, Australia (ProKick Australia) |
| 49 | Austin Scheets | TE | 6-8 | 190 | FR-RS | Colleyville, Texas (Covenant Christian Academy)/Weatherford |
| 30 | Drew Scott | WR | 6-2 | 192 | JR-SQ | Dallas, Texas (Highland Park) |
| 61 | Riley Self | OL | 6-4 | 295 | FR-RS | Lufkin, Texas (Lufkin) |
| 12 | Geor'Quarius Spivey | TE | 6-5 | 245 | SR-1L | Monroe, La. (Richwood)/Mississippi State |
| 54 | Luke Splaine | LB | 6-1 | 230 | SO-TR | San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep)/Foothill College |
| 43 | Joe Staubach | WR | 6-1 | 185 | FR-HS | Dallas, Texas (Jesuit Dallas) |
| 38 | Jack Stein | LS | 5-11 | 215 | FR-TR | Orange, Calif. (El Modena)/Utah |
| 2 | Kee'yon Stewart | CB | 6-0 | 185 | JR-2L | Houston, Texas (North Shore) |
| 96 | Lwal Uguak | DL | 6-5 | 271 | SR-TR | Edmonton, Alberta (Harry Ainlay)/UConn |
| 32 | Kevin Ward | S | 6-0 | 202 | FR-RS | Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo) |
| 47 | Carter Ware | TE | 6-4 | 265 | SR-4L | Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill) |
| 0 | Landyn Watson | DL | 6-3 | 255 | FR-RS | Round Rock, Texas (Hutto) |
| 67 | Hudson White | OL | 6-2 | 289 | FR-RS | Abilene, Texas (Wylie) |
| 19 | Jared Wiley | TE | 6-7 | 255 | SR-TR | Temple, Texas (Temple)/Texas |
| 52 | Damonic Williams | DL | 6-2 | 320 | FR-HS | Torrance, Calif. (Alemany) |
| 71 | Marcus Williams | OL | 6-7 | 331 | JR-SQ | Longview, Texas (Longview) |
| 18 | Savion Williams | WR | 6-5 | 215 | JR-2L | Marshall, Texas (Marshall) |
| 41 | TJ Willson | LB | 6-0 | 224 | FR-HS | Loomis, Calif. (Del Oro) |
| 13 | Dee Winters | LB | 6-1 | 230 | SR-3L | Brenham, Texas (Burton) |
| 21 | Corey Wren | RB | 5-10 | 200 | JR-TR | New Orleans, La. (John Curtis Christian)/Florida State |

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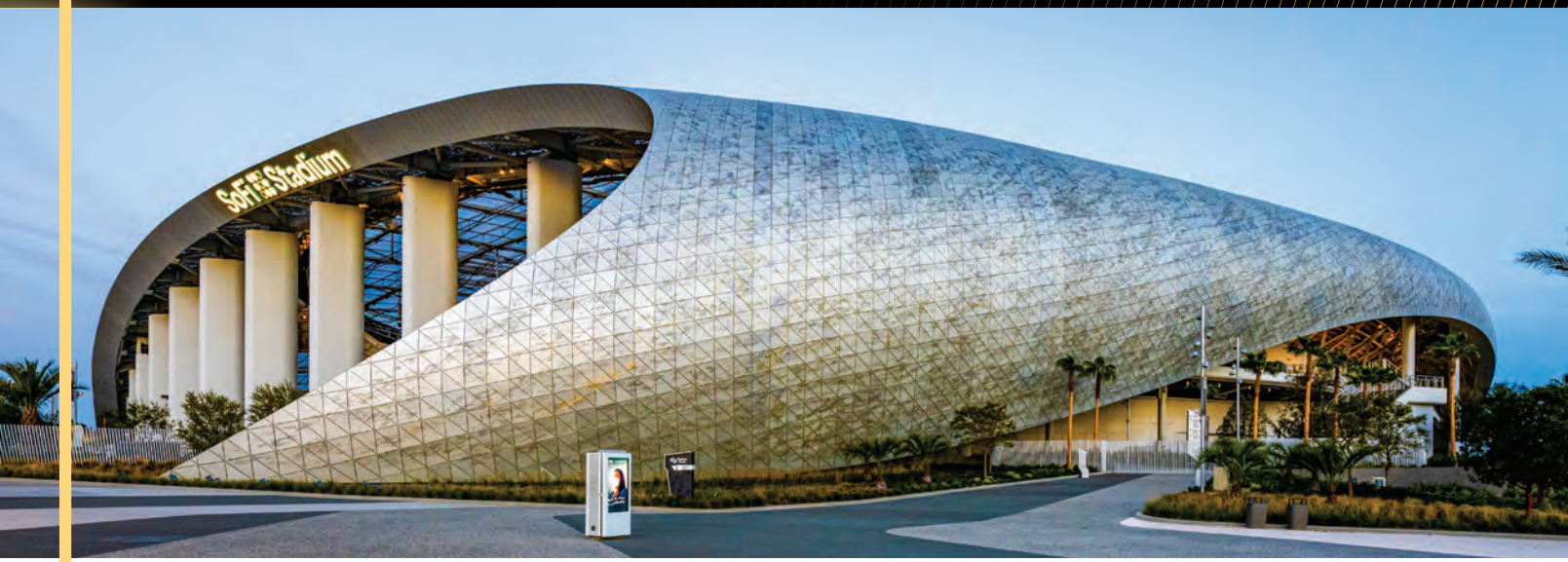


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SoFi Stadium, the home of the Los Angeles Chargers and reigning Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams, is located at Hollywood Park, a near 300-acre sports and entertainment destination being developed by Los Angeles Rams Owner/Chairman E. Stanley Kroenke in Inglewood, Calif. Hollywood Park is the largest urban mixed-use development under construction in the Western United States. The 3.1 million square-foot SoFi Stadium is the largest stadium in the NFL, as well as the first indoor-outdoor stadium. It seats approximately 70,000, expandable up to 100,000, with more than 260 luxury suites and more than 13,000 premium seats. SoFi Stadium was host to Super Bowl LVI and will host WrestleMania in 2023, World Cup in 2026 and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Olympic Games in 2028. Adjacent to the stadium and sitting under the same 1 million square-foot roof canopy is the 2.5-acre American Airlines Plaza and the 6,000-seat YouTube Theater. For more information about SoFi Stadium, visit **WWW.SOFISTADIUM.COM**.

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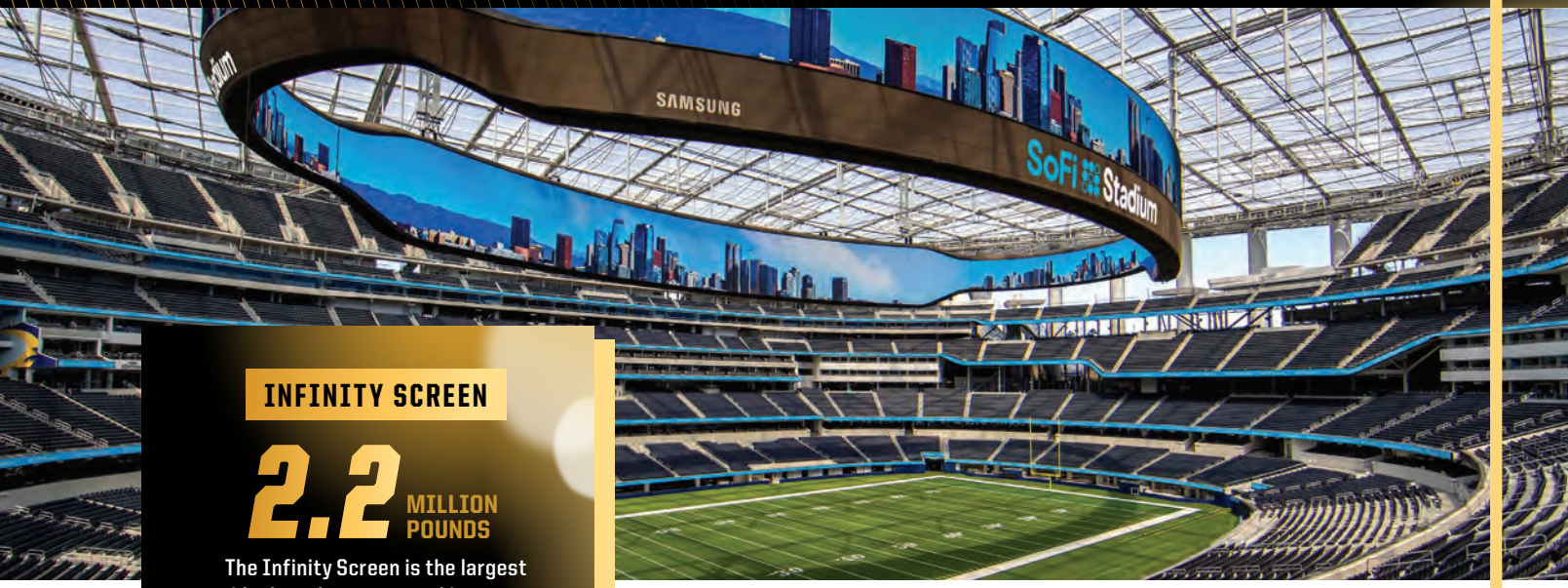


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- The open-air SoFi Stadium is the first indoor-outdoor stadium to be constructed and the largest stadium in the NFL at 3.1 million square feet. It features 260 luxury suites and more than 13,000 premium seats.
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- At its peak, SoFi Stadium had up to 3,500 construction workers on-site daily, with Inglewood residents being given priority placement. During construction, more than 17,000 workers contributed to the project and more than 18 million worker hours were completed.
- Adjacent to the stadium and under the same roof canopy is a 2.5-acre open-air plaza, American Airlines Plaza, and the 6,000-seat YouTube Theater.

# GOLDEN STATE OF MIND

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS PLAYED HOST TO SEVERAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL HISTORY, INCLUDING SEVEN IN THE PAST 30 SEASONS.**

## 1992 ROSE BOWL GAME

**JANUARY 1, 1992** ATTENDANCE: 103,566

| | |
|---|---|
| **2 - Washington** (Pac-10) | **34** |
| **4 - Michigan** (Big Ten) | **14** |

## 1997 ROSE BOWL GAME

**JANUARY 1, 1997** ATTENDANCE: 100,635

| | |
|---|---|
| **4 - Ohio State** (Big Ten) | **20** |
| **2 - Arizona State** (Pac-10) | **17** |

## 1998 ROSE BOWL GAME

**JANUARY 1, 1998** ATTENDANCE: 103,566

| | |
|---|---|
| **1 - Michigan** (Big Ten) | **21** |
| **8 - Washington State** (Pac-10) | **16** |

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As part of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), the Rose Bowl Game hosted the National Championship Game between the top two teams in the nation in 2002 and 2006. In 2010 and 2014, the Tournament of Roses hosted both the Rose Bowl Game and the National Championship Game.

## 2002 ROSE BOWL GAME

**JANUARY 1, 1992** ATTENDANCE: 93,781

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|---|---|
| **1 - Miami** (Big East) | **37** |
| **2 - Nebraska** (Big 12) | **14** |

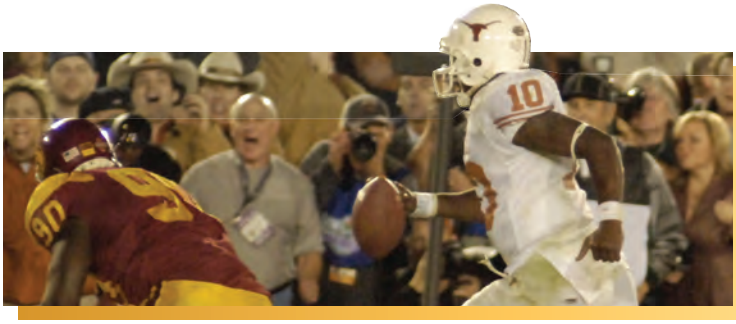
**Players of the Game:** QB Ken Dorsey, Miami and Andre Johnson, WR, Miami

## 2006 ROSE BOWL GAME

**JANUARY 4, 2006** ATTENDANCE: 93,986

| | |
|---|---|
| **2 - Texas** (Big 12) | **41** |
| **1 - USC** (Pac-10) | **38** |

**Offensive Player of the Game:** Vince Young, QB, Texas
**Defensive Player of the Game:** Michael Huff, S/CB, Texas



## 2010 BCS GAME

National Championship Game (Pasadena)

**JANUARY 1, 2010** ATTENDANCE: 94,906

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| **1 - Alabama** (SEC) | **38** |
| **2 - Texas** (Big 12) | **21** |

**Offensive Player of the Game:** Mark Ingram, RB, Alabama
**Defensive Player of the Game:** Marcell Dareus, DT, Alabama

## 2014 BCS GAME

National Championship Game (Pasadena)

**JANUARY 1, 2014** ATTENDANCE: 94,208

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| **1 - Florida State** (ACC) | **34** |
| **2 - Auburn** (SEC) | **31** |

**Offensive Player of the Game:** Jameis Winston, QB, FSU
**Defensive Player of the Game:** P.J. Williams, DB, FSU

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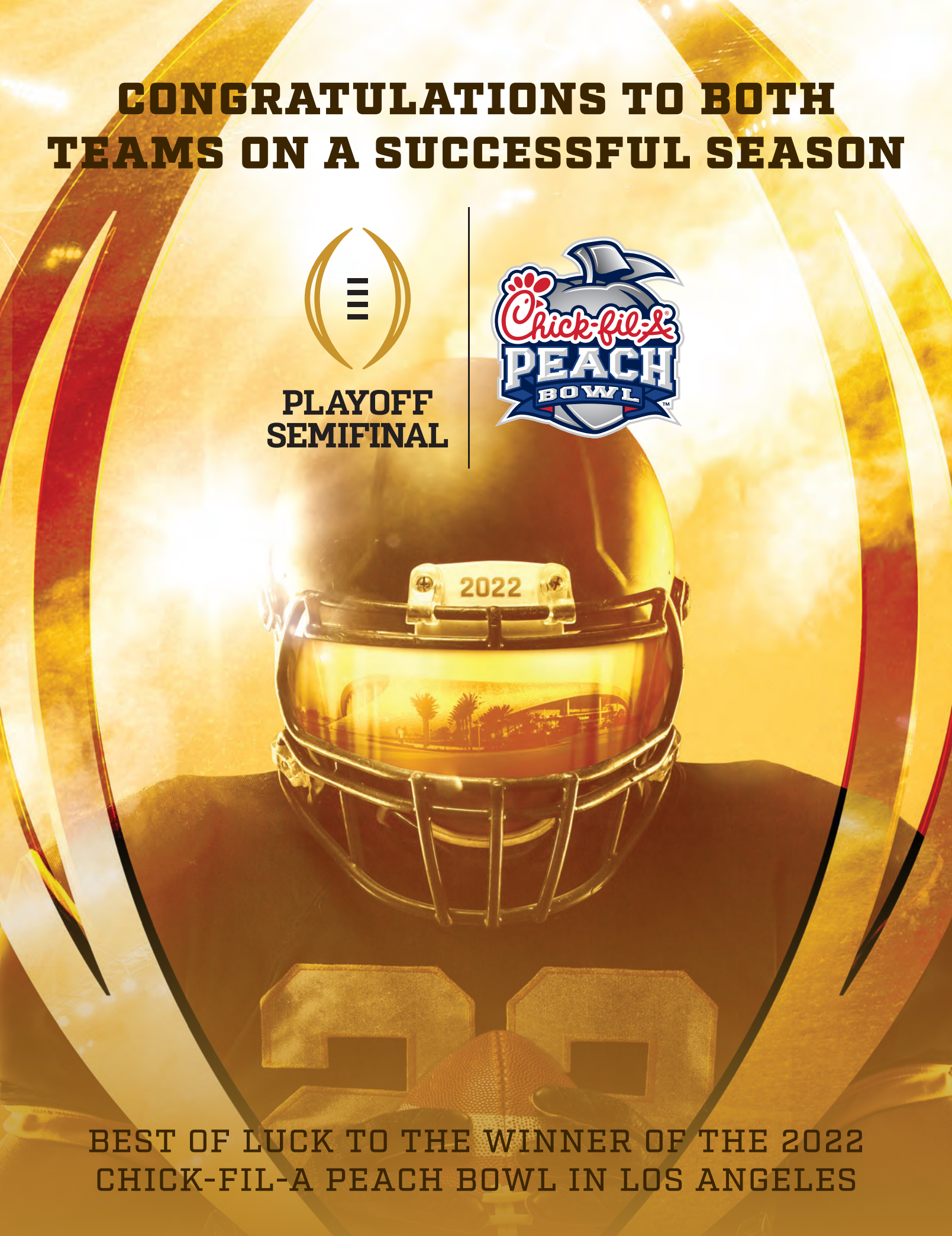


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## KELSEA BALLERINI

Kelsea Ballerini has consistently made history. Upon the release of her debut album, she became the only female country artist to hit #1 with her first three consecutive singles from a debut album, a history-making feat for Ballerini and helped earn the honeyed alto a Best New Artist GRAMMY® nomination. She has logged five back-to-back Top-10 entries on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart. With seven #1 singles and 31 certifications from the RIAA to date, her catalog boasts a string of essential smashes. Among dozens of accolades thus far, she has garnered three GRAMMY® Award nominations and won two Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards, two Country Music Association (CMA) Awards and the iHeartRadio Music Awards honor for "Best New Artist," while also receiving multiple career nominations from the ACM Awards, American Music Awards, CMA Awards, CMT Awards and People's Choice Awards. Ballerini's fourth album, SUBJECT TO CHANGE, was released on September 23, 2022. The first single off the album, "HEARTFIRST," quickly took over airwaves and was notably the "most added song at country radio" the week of its release. Most recently, Ballerini earned a GRAMMY® nomination for "Best Country Solo Performance" for "HEARTFIRST." Kelsea Ballerini is ready to continue making history in 2023 and beyond.

## TIERA KENNEDY

Tiera Kennedy is emerging as one of the most exciting voices in the format as the flagship artist on Nicolle Galyon's groundbreaking Songs & Daughters Publishing. On the heels of her independently released self-titled EP, the breakout single "Found It In You," co-written/produced by Cameron Bedell and featuring Dann Huff is available now via The Valory Music Co. The songwriter distills all the joyousness of nightfall in the towns of her home state with "Alabama Nights," while sprinkling Christmas magic with "Blue Christmas" and "I'll Be Home For Christmas." Landing on several of 2022's Artist to Watch Lists, including CMT's Listen Up, MusicRow's Next Big Thing and Pandora's Country Artist to Watch, Kennedy has appeared at C2C: Country to Country, CMA Fest, Faster Horses and Windy City Smokeout. As the host of Apple Music Country's The Tiera Show, Kennedy puts her stamp on Country music daily. Most recently, Tiera Kennedy made her debut on NBC's TODAY in New York City, as well as her debut at the historic Ryman Auditorium honoring Shania Twain with a performance of "From This Moment On" on FOX's ACM Honors.

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Prior to the National Anthem, "America the Beautiful" will be performed by members of the Chamber Choir of the **ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS** (AMPA) at Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles. AMPA is a Los Angeles Unified School District magnet program that, for the last 30 years, has served as an education model, bridging performing arts with academic standards including a rigorous curriculum.

**SEVEN CHANDLER**, a 10-year-old from Los Angeles California, will perform both the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful" in American Sign Language (ASL). Chandler attends the Marlton School, the only day school for the deaf within the Los Angeles Unified School District, the second largest school district in the United States.

As part of the CFP Foundation's **EXTRA YARD FOR TEACHERS** (EYFT) initiative, the 2022 Teacher of the Year from each U.S. state and territory will be honored on the field during the pregame celebration. This is an opportunity for fans to applaud these educators for their hard work and dedication and furthers the EYFT mission of elevating the teaching profession.

Celebrating a college football tradition, the **MARCHING BANDS** of each participating team will be featured performers on the field during pregame and at halftime.

During the national championship game, the College Football Playoff will recognize **ARMY STAFF SERGEANT CLINT ROMESHA**, who received the Medal of Honor during the Battle of Combat Outpost Keating in the Kamdesh Province of Afghanistan on October 3, 2009, when he helped defend the outpost against an attack by 300 Taliban insurgents. Despite receiving shrapnel wounds, Romesha continued to fight and rally his comrades. His extraordinary efforts gave Bravo Troop the opportunity to regroup, reorganize and prepare for the counterattack that allowed the Troop to account for its personnel and secure COP Keating.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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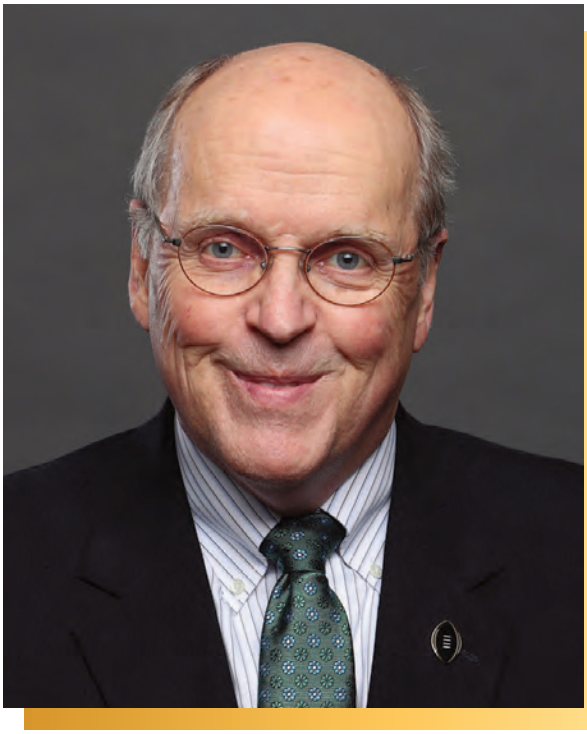
Using experiences gained during his remarkable five-decade career, Hancock led the conference commissioners and university presidents in creating the CFP. Then he directed a talented staff in launching the event from scratch. The playoff is a phenomenal success; in its first year, it was named Sports Event of the Year by SportsBusiness Journal.

Hancock's five-decade career began in 1971 when he became assistant sports information director at the University of Oklahoma. He spent 16 years with the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, 13 years as its director. In 2005, he was appointed administrator of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS). He became executive director in 2009 and was named to the same role for the playoff when it was created in 2012. Hancock has served on the United States Olympic Committee staff at 15 Olympic Games and two Pan American Games.



Bill Hancock was named executive director of the College Football Playoff in November of 2012.

He has been inducted into the halls of fame of the state of Oklahoma, College Sports Information Directors and the All-College Basketball Classic. A former newspaper editor, Bill has written two books. His memoir about the cross-country bicycle journey he undertook in the aftermath of his son's death, *Riding With the Blue Moth*, was among the top sports books after its release in October, 2005. It was re-issued in 2015. His second book, *This One Day in Hobart* is a history of his home town. He is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Nicki Perry.

The gymnasium in Hobart, Oklahoma, is named the "Hancock Event Center" in honor of Bill and his brother, Joe.

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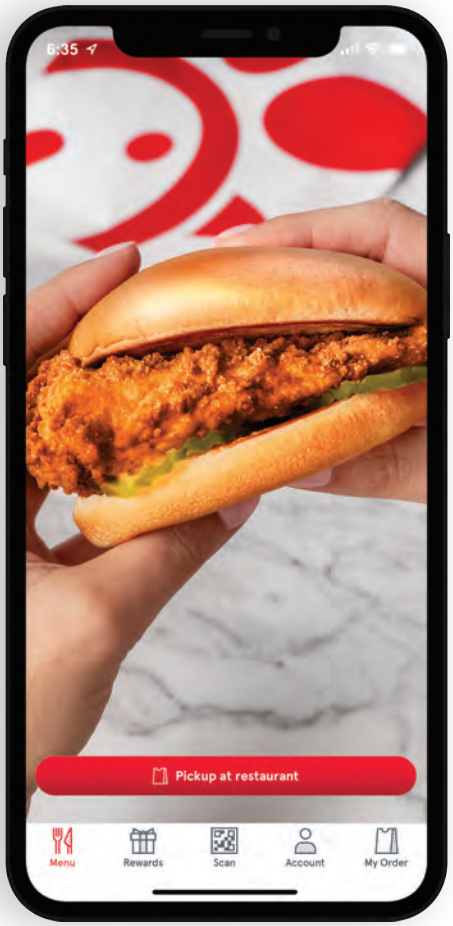


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# TV

## CHRIS FOWLER | @cbfowler

Chris Fowler, who has progressed at ESPN over a quarter-century to be one of the most respected hosts and play-by-play commentators in television, appears on many of ESPN's marquee properties, primarily in college football and Grand Slam tennis. He became the play-by-play for the ABC Saturday Night Football booth in 2014, and currently works alongside analyst Kirk Herbstreit and reporter Holly Rowe. Fowler and Herbstreit ushered in the new era in college football, teaming up to work a College Football Playoff Semifinal game and the College Football National Championship. He served as the host for College GameDay, the network's Emmy-winning Saturday morning college football preview show, 1990 – 2014. It won the Sports Emmy for Best Weekly Studio Show in 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

He also has hosted ESPN's Heisman Trophy Presentation since the network began its coverage of the event in 1994 and ESPN's The Home Depot College Football Awards show from its inception in 1993 to 2013. In addition, he was the play-by-play voice of ESPN's Thursday night college football games from 2006-09 after previously serving as a sideline reporter, beginning in 1988.

## KIRK HERBSTREIT | @kirkherbstreit

Widely recognized as one of the best college football minds of his generation, Kirk Herbstreit has served as an analyst for ESPN's 12-time Sports Emmy Award-winning College GameDay Built by The Home Depot remote college football studio show since August 1996, when he joined then-host Chris Fowler and co-analyst Lee Corso. For his efforts there, he has earned five Sports Emmy Awards – three times for Best Studio Analyst and twice for Outstanding Event Analyst. Herbstreit is the game analyst for ABC Saturday Night Football, broadcast television's first weekly prime-time college football game, since the series debut in 2006.

He currently shares the booth with play-by-play commentator Chris Fowler and reporter Holly Rowe. Previously, Herbstreit called eight Rose Bowl Games and seven BCS National Championships alongside legendary play-by-play announcer Brent Musburger. Fowler and Herbstreit ushered in the new era in college football, teaming up to work a College Football Playoff Semifinal game and the College Football National Championship. He is also the analyst on Amazon's Thursday Night Football.

He earned a degree in business administration in 1993 from the Ohio State University, where he was a four-year letterman with the Buckeyes as a quarterback (1989-92). During his senior season in 1992, he served as a starter and team captain, and was recognized as team MVP and most motivational player. He was former Ohio State coach John Cooper's first signee.

Herbstreit is a Centerville, Ohio native. His father, Jim, a former player and captain at Ohio State (1958-60) went on to serve as an assistant coach (1960-61 – national champs in 1961) under the legendary Woody Hayes and also coached with Bo Schembechler at Miami (Ohio). Jim and Kirk are one of only two father-son tandems to each serve as captain of their Ohio State teams in the history of the program.

## HOLLY ROWE | @sportsiren

Holly Rowe celebrates more than 20 years as one of ESPN's most versatile commentators. Covering a wide variety of sports for ESPN, Rowe joined the network full time in August 1998 after appearing on select ESPN telecasts in 1997 and ABC Sports in 1995-96. Rowe is a reporter on a number of high-profile events and programming – ABC Saturday Night Football, Big Monday men's college basketball, Women's Final Four, Women's College World Series, NCAA indoor and beach volleyball national championships and the WNBA.

Rowe has also provided play-by-play commentary for women's college basketball, softball, volleyball and gymnastics. In addition, Rowe has covered soccer, swimming, track & field and the Little League World Series of baseball and softball for ESPN. She also serves as a TV commentator for the Utah Jazz when not on assignment for ESPN.

Rowe has also provided play-by-play for women's college basketball and women's college volleyball for Fox Sports from 1993-2003. She was one of four play-by-play announcers on ESPN's coverage of the 1998 Women's World Cup and has hosted ESPN's coverage of the Running of the Bulls. She was also the analyst for the WNBA's Utah Starzz until the franchise moved to San Antonio. Rowe served as the play-by-play voice for BYU women's basketball, volleyball and gymnastics from 1993-2009 and as a BYU and Air Force football sideline reporter for the Blue and White Sports Network from 1993-97.

Rowe has worked as a sports reporter and anchor for outlets in Salt Lake City including KSL Radio, Fox 13 TV, KBYU TV, BYU Sports Network and KFNZ Radio. She graduated from the University of Utah with a broadcast journalism degree. While at Utah, Rowe was a sportswriter for the Daily Utah Chronicle and the Davis County Clipper, and anchored the campus TV station news.

Emmy-winning Rowe is a producer and writer of documentaries and features that have aired on KBYU TV, ESPN and FOX 13 TV in Salt Lake City. Currently in treatment for Stage IV Metastatic Melanoma, Rowe has become a tireless advocate for cancer research and prevention.

## MOLLY MCGRATH | @MollyAMcGrath

Molly McGrath joined ESPN in July 2016, and currently serves as the sideline reporter for ESPN/ABC Saturday college football games, as well as college basketball. She also regularly hosts College Football Live and College Basketball Live.

McGrath, who worked as a production assistant at ESPN in 2011, returned to ESPN after serving as a sideline reporter and host for college sports and the NFL with Fox Sports. Prior to her time at Fox Sports, she worked for the Boston Celtics as a web and in-arena reporter at the TD Garden while also hosting Celtics Now on Comcast SportsNet New England in 2012 and 2013. She also completed internships with NESN and WHDH-TV in Boston.

McGrath graduated from Boston College in 2011, where she received the Athletic Director's Award for Academic Excellence.

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# Radio

## SEAN MCDONOUGH

Sean McDonough is one of sports television's most versatile broadcasters. He is a leading play-by-play commentator for ESPN college football and National Hockey League games, in addition to calling college basketball and golf majors, including the PGA Championship and the annual Par 3 Contest at The Masters. McDonough returned to ESPN's college football broadcast team in 2018, where he calls a premier game each week, as well as one of the College Football Playoff Semifinals and the national championship game on ESPN Radio. McDonough has been with ESPN since 1989 – with the exception of 1996-99, when he worked exclusively for CBS.

Previously the voice of Monday Night Football (2016-17), McDonough has covered the World Series, NCAA Final Four, the Olympic Games and all four major golf championships, among other marquee events during his accomplished career.

McDonough was the television play-by-play announcer for the Boston Red Sox from 1988-2004, during which time he was honored four times with the New England Sports Emmy Award for Outstanding Play-by-Play. He spent 10 years at CBS Sports and was the lead college football play-by-play announcer from 1997-99. During his decade at CBS, McDonough provided commentary for a diverse array of sporting broadcasts, including men's and women's college basketball, NFL, The Masters and PGA Championship, and US Open Tennis.

A native of Boston, McDonough graduated cum laude from Syracuse University in 1984. In 2014, McDonough was named to the Hall of Fame for WAER, Syracuse University's noncommercial radio station where he began his sports broadcasting career as a student. The Sports Media Center at Syracuse's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications also honored McDonough in July 2016 with the Marty Glickman Award. Presented annually to a Newhouse alum, "The Marty" recognizes excellence in the field of sports media. Earlier this year, he received the George Arents Award – the University's highest honor – as one of Syracuse's most accomplished and talented alumni.

In 2012, McDonough was diagnosed with Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome (SCDS), a rare condition that required surgery to repair a hole in the bone near his left ear. After a successful procedure and recovery, McDonough continues to raise awareness for SCDS.

## TODD BLACKLEDGE | @Todd_Blackledge

Todd Blackledge, who returned to ESPN in 2006 after nearly a decade at CBS, is an analyst for many of the network's college football events, including College Football Primetime. Blackledge is an analyst alongside play-by-play announcer Sean McDonough, with sideline reporter Molly McGrath. He also is a regular contributor to College GameDay, SportsCenter and ESPN Radio. Blackledge began his broadcast career as a sports-talk radio host in Ohio, while also doing analysis for the Indianapolis Colts' preseason, the Big East Network and for ESPN. He also worked on the Emmy Award-winning Penn State Football Story.

As the standout quarterback at Penn State, Blackledge started for the Nittany Lions from 1981 to 1983, going 31-5 through three seasons. After leading Penn State to the national championship in 1982, Blackledge won the Davey O'Brien Award as the nation's most outstanding quarterback, and he finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting. His passer rating was 10th among the nation's quarterbacks that season.

In the 1983 NFL Draft, Kansas City selected Blackledge seventh overall. He played for the Chiefs for five seasons before joining the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1988. He retired in 1989. Blackledge was one of seven former NCAA student-athletes selected to receive the 2008 Silver Anniversary Award, which recognizes former student-athletes who completed successful collegiate careers and have gone on to excel in their chosen professions. That same year, along with seven other former NFL players, Blackledge visited U.S. troops in the Middle East, where he coached in the USO's flag football tournament, Operation Gridiron: Huddle with the Troops.

In 2009, he was awarded Penn State's Distinguished Alumni Award. He is a member of Penn State's Board of Visitors for Penn State's Center for Sports Journalism.

Blackledge received a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication from Penn State in 1983, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. A first-team Academic All-American, he also earned the Eric Walker Award that year from Penn State, given annually to the senior believed to have most "enhanced the esteem and recognition of the University." Blackledge lives in Canton, Ohio. In the offseason, he coaches high school basketball.

## KRIS BUDDEN | @KrisBudden

Kris Budden is a sideline reporter for ESPN/ABC's college sports coverage, including football, basketball and baseball. Prior to joining ESPN, Budden was a sideline and feature reporter for FOX Sports, covering NFL and college football from 2013-15. During that time, Budden also worked for FOX Sports San Diego as a host and reporter for their coverage of the San Diego Padres.

Budden also spent six years at WBIR in Knoxville. Some of the notable events she covered included the 2012 London Olympics, NCAA men's and women's tournaments and Pat Summitt's retirement. She also won an Associated Press Best Sports Feature Award.

She has been recognized for her excellence in sports broadcasting, having received an Associated Press Award for Best Sports, as well as a regional Emmy for Best Talent in Sports in 2016. Budden graduated from the University of Missouri. She and her husband currently reside in Dallas with their son Jace and daughter Landyn.

## IAN FITZSIMMONS | @Ianfitzespn

Ian Fitzsimmons is a field analyst and reporter for ESPN Radio covering college football and NFL games. He has been in his current role since 2013. He is also a co-host of the weeknight ESPN Radio show Freddie and Fitzsimmons, alongside Freddie Coleman.

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His first regular radio role was on WSPZ-AM in Alabama in 1994. He also hosted a show called The Cheap Seats on WJOX-AM. In addition, Fitzsimmons spent time at radio stations in Salt Lake City and Dallas.

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The Heisman Trophy is about excellence, so there's no surprise that the student-athletes who have demonstrated to be the most outstanding player in college football for their respective season have played a role in the competition to win the CFP National Championship.

2014

### MARCUS MARIOTA

Mariota led the Oregon Ducks to a College Football Playoff semifinal victory over Florida State and a berth in the inaugural CFP National Championship, coming up just short vs. Ohio State. Still, his 671 total yards passing in the 2014-15 postseason rank fifth on the CFP's all-time list, after he completed 50-of-73 passes with four touchdowns.

2015

### DERRICK HENRY

Henry ran for 158 yards on 36 attempts with three touchdowns, helping Alabama to its first CFP title over Clemson in 2016. Henry's 158 yards for the Tide rank as the second-highest rushing output in a CFP National Championship, while his 233 rushing yards over the Playoff Semifinals and national championship game that year rank fourth.

2017

### BAKER MAYFIELD

Mayfield gave his best in Oklahoma's 2018 appearance in the Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game. Though his Sooners fell just short in an overtime loss to Georgia, Mayfield's 41 passing attempts (26-of-41, 311 yards, 2 TD) rank fourth in Playoff Semifinal games. He even caught a touchdown pass from CeeDee Lamb in the waning seconds of the first half.

2018

## KYLER MURRAY

Murray ran for 109 yards and one touchdown vs. Alabama in the 2018 Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl. His 109 rushing yards still rank as the second-most by a quarterback in the Playoff Semifinals. Murray also completed 19 passes on 37 attempts for 308 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Sooners' effort.

2019

## JOE BURROW

Burrow's 463 passing yards and eight consecutive completions in LSU's national championship victory over Clemson rank second and third, respectively, on the CFP title game list, and his 60 completions between that game and the Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl are the second-most ever. In addition, he set a Playoff Semifinal record with 493 passing yards against Oklahoma in the Peach Bowl.

2020

## DEVONTA SMITH

Smith gave a terrific performance in the final game of his college career with 12 catches for 215 yards and three touchdowns, all in the first half of the 2021 CFP National Championship. He was named Offensive Player of the Game as the Tide downed Ohio State, 52-24. Smith bookended his career with two national championships in four seasons, after catching the overtime game winner vs. Georgia in 2018.

2021

## BRYCE YOUNG

After also winning the Maxwell and Davey O'Brien Awards, Young became the fifth sophomore ever to win the Heisman and Alabama's first QB to capture the trophy. He finished the regular season with 4,322 passing yards, 43 touchdowns and just four interceptions, leading the Tide to a 12-1 overall record, the 2021 SEC title and the top seed in the College Football Playoff.

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**2016**

**2017**

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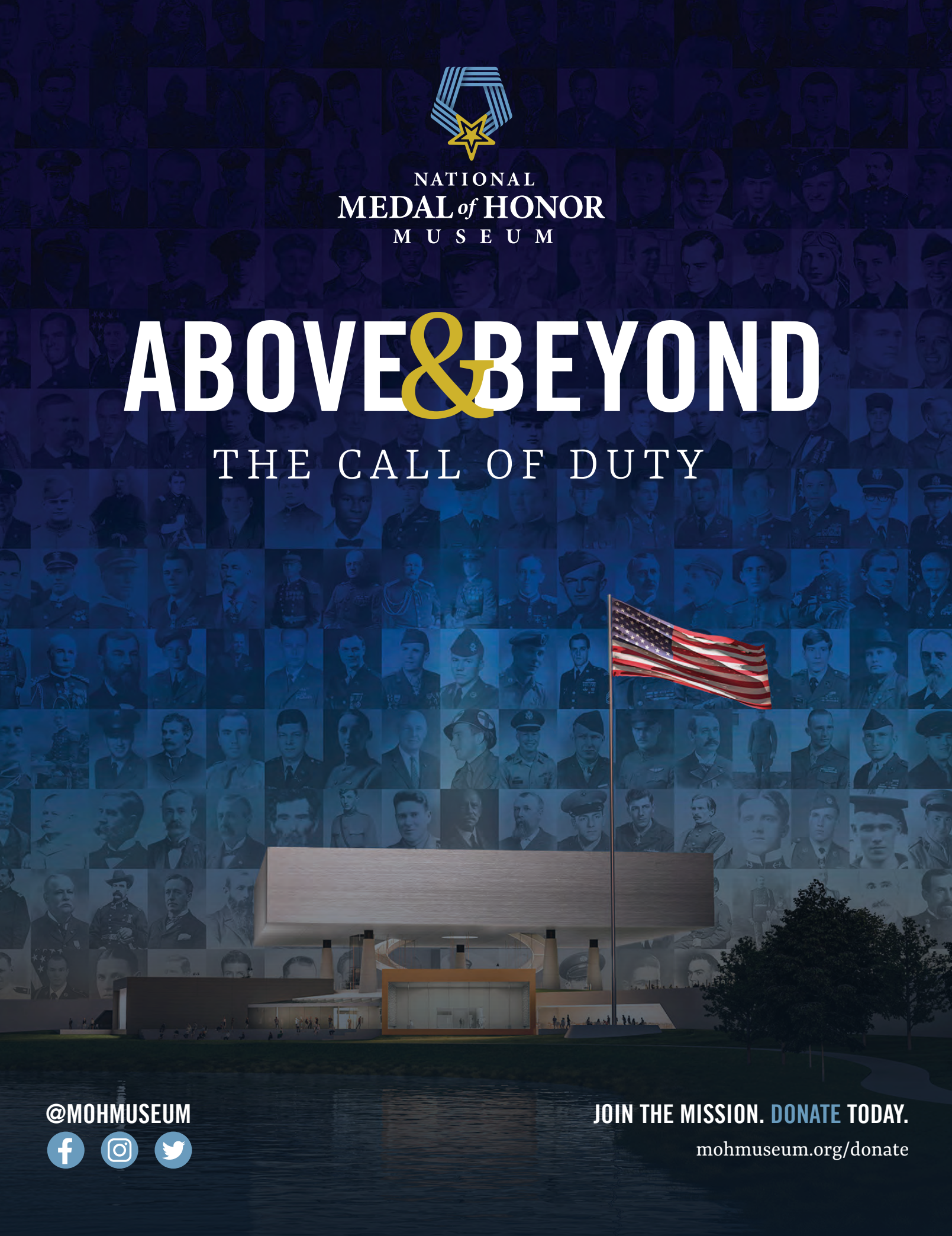

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# INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

## TOTAL OFFENSE

### MOST TOTAL YARDS

**521, Joe Burrow, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020**
(58 yards rushing, 463 yards passing)

**478, Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016**
(73 yards rushing, 405 yards passing)

**475, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(11 yards rushing, 464 yards passing)

## RUSHING

### MOST NET YARDS RUSHING

**246, Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015**
(36 attempts, 4 TD)

**158, Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016**
(36 attempts, 3 TD)

**110, Clyde Edwards-Helaire, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020**
(16 attempts)

### MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK

**73, Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016**
(20 attempts, 1 TD)

**67, Justin Fields, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(6 attempts)

**63, Jalen Hurts, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017**
(10 attempts, 1 TD)

## PASSING

### MOST COMPLETIONS

**36, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(36-45-0, 464 yards, 5 TD)

**36, Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017**
(36-56-0, 420 yards, 3 TD)

**35, Bryce Young, Alabama vs. Georgia, Indianapolis, Jan. 10, 2022**
(35-57-2, 369 yards, 1 TD)

### MOST NET YARDS PASSING

**464, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(36-45-0, 5 TD)

**463, Joe Burrow, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020**
(31-49-0, 5 TD)

**420, Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017**
(36-56-0, 3 TD)

Against Clemson on January 13, 2020, LSU's Ja'Marr Chase pulled in nine receptions, including two touchdowns, for a CFP National Championship record 221 yards.

## RECEIVING

### RECEPTIONS

**12, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(215 yards, 3 TD)

**10, Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017**
(92 yards, 2 TD)

**9, Ja'Marr Chase, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020**
(221 yards, 2 TD)

### MOST YARDS RECEIVING

**221, Ja'Marr Chase, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020**
(9 receptions, 2 TD)

**215, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(12 receptions, 3 TD)

**208, O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016**
(5 receptions, 2 TD)

## DEFENSE

### TOTAL TACKLES

**14, Tuf Borland, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**
(7 solo, 7 assist)

**13, Roquan Smith, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018**
(9 solo, 4 assist)

**12, Mack Wilson, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018**
(7 solo, 5 assist)

# TEAM RECORDS

## TOTAL OFFENSE

### MOST TOTAL YARDS

**628, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (165 rush, 463 pass)

**621, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021** (157 rush, 464 pass)

**550, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (145 rush, 405 pass)

## RUSHING

### MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

**61, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015** (296 yards)
**46, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (138 yards)
**45, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018** (133 yards)

### MOST NET YARDS RUSHING

**296, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015** (61 attempts)

**221, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (34 attempts)

**184, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018** (39 attempts)

## PASSING

### MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

**57, Alabama vs. Georgia, Indianapolis, Jan. 10, 2022** (35-57-2, 369 yards)
**57, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (36-57-0, 420 yards)
**49, LSU vs. Clemson, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (31-49-0, 463 yards)

### MOST COMPLETIONS

**36, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021** (36-45-0, 464 yards)
**36, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (36-57-0, 420 yards)
**35, Alabama vs. Georgia, Indianapolis, Jan. 10, 2022** (35-57-2, 369 yards)

Led by Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State racked up a record 296 yards on the ground against Oregon in the inaugural CFP National Championship on January 12, 2015.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

### MOST PUNTS

**11, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (11-483, 43.9 average)

**9, Clemson vs. LSU, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (9-355, 39.4 average)

**9, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (9-345, 38.3 average)

### MOST PUNTING YARDS

**483, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (11-483, 43.9 average)
**355, Clemson vs. LSU, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (9-355, 39.4 average)
**345, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (9-345, 38.3 average)

### MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS

**38, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018** (5 attempts)
**34, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018** (2 attempts)
**32, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015** (3 attempts)

### MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS

**196, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (5-196, 39.2 average)
**130, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017** (6-130, 21.7 average)
**68, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (3-68, 22.7 average)

## DEFENSIVE

### TEAM TACKLES

**85, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017**

**85, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015**

**75, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Miami, Jan. 11, 2021**

### TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS

**5, Alabama vs. Georgia, Indianapolis, Jan. 10, 2022** (46 yards)

**5, Clemson vs. LSU, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (26 yards)

**5, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (31 yards)

### TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS

**5, Alabama vs. Georgia, Indianapolis, Jan. 10, 2022** (46 yards)
**5, Clemson vs. LSU, New Orleans, Jan. 13, 2020** (26 yards)

**5, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016** (31 yards)

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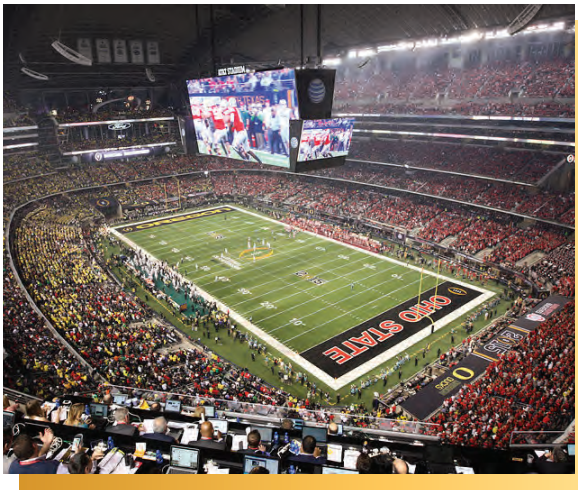
# MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

## ATTENDANCE

| DATE | RESULT | ATTENDANCE |
|---|---|---|
| January 12, 2015 | Ohio State 42, Oregon 20 | 85,689 |
| January 8, 2018 | Alabama 26, Georgia 23 (OT) | 77,430 |
| January 13, 2020 | LSU 42, Clemson 25 | 76,885 |
| January 11, 2016 | Alabama 45, Clemson 40 | 75,765 |
| January 7, 2019 | Clemson 44, Alabama 16 | 74,814 |
| January 9, 2017 | Clemson 35, Alabama 31 | 74,512 |
| January 9, 2022 | Georgia 33, Alabama 18 | 68,311 |
| January 11, 2021 | Alabama 52, Ohio State 24 | 14,926# |

# Reduced capacity at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida due to COVID-19 precautions




The inaugural College Football National Championship between Ohio State and Oregon on January 12, 2015 saw a record attendance of 85,689 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

## ALL-TIME PLAYOFF APPEARANCES BY TEAM

| | PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL | | NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TEAM | APPEARANCES | RECORD | APPEARANCES | RECORD |
| Alabama | 7 | 6-1 | 6 | 3-3 |
| Clemson | 6 | 4-2 | 2 | 2-2 |
| Ohio State | 4 | 2-2 | 2 | 1-1 |
| Georgia | 2 | 2-0 | 2 | 1-1 |
| LSU | 1 | 1-0 | 1 | 1-0 |
| Oregon | 1 | 1-0 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Oklahoma | 4 | 0-4 | 0 | -- |
| Notre Dame | 2 | 0-2 | 0 | -- |
| Florida State | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | -- |
| Michigan | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | -- |
| Michigan State | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | -- |
| Washington | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | -- |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 0-1 | 0 | -- |

On January 10, 2022, Georgia's Kelee Ringo intercepted an Alabama pass and returned it 79 yards to the end zone, helping the Bulldogs win the program's first national title in the CFP era.

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Top-ranked Georgia posted a 42-41 Playoff Semifinal at the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl victory over No. 4 Ohio State in the biggest fourth quarter comeback by any team in the CFP era. The Bulldogs recorded 18 points in the final frame to advance to their second straight national championship game.

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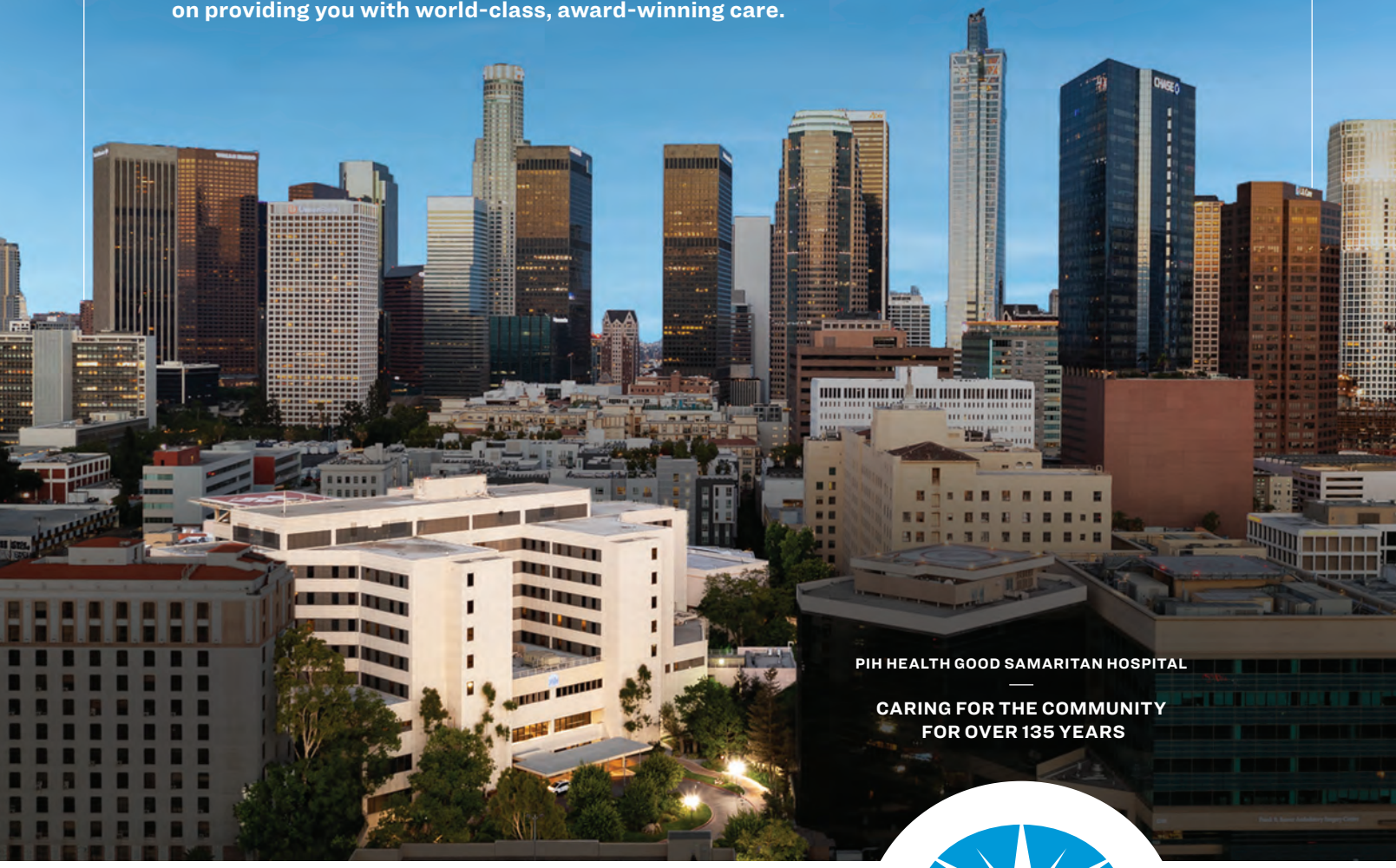

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